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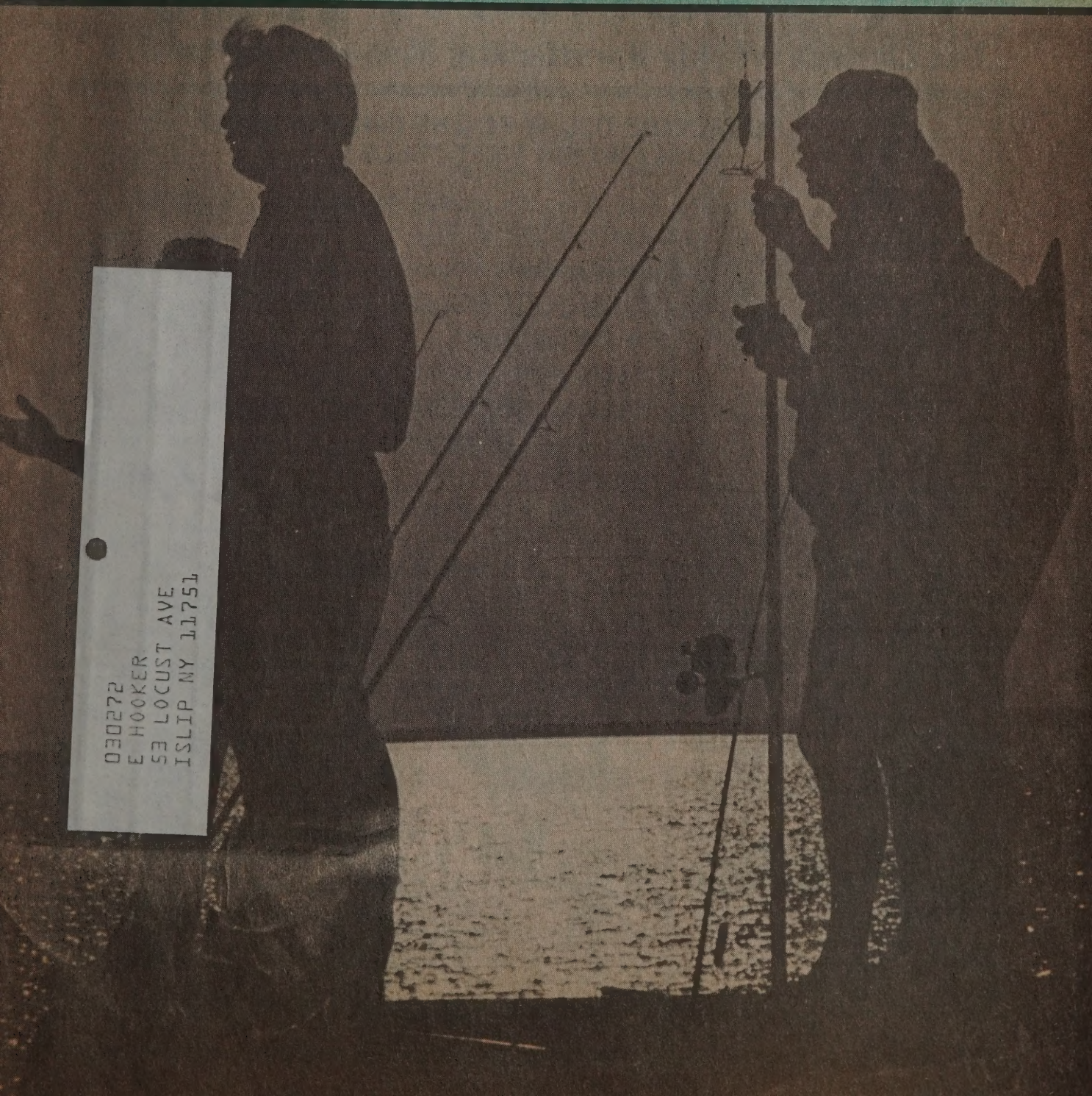

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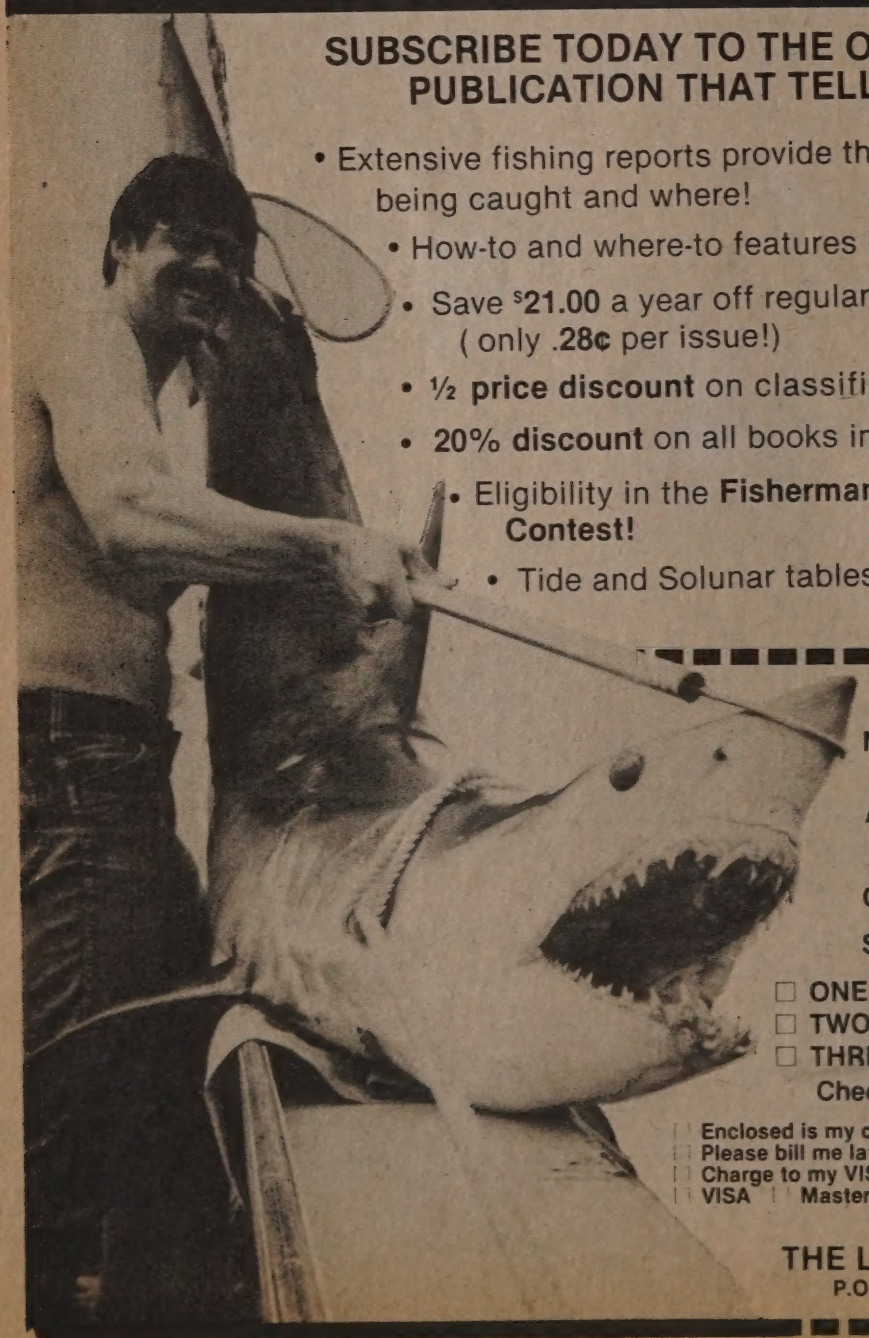

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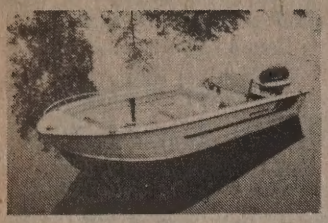

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MANY STRIPERS CAUGHT IN FULL MOON BASS TOURNEY

Boat anglers and surf fishermen from New York, Connecticut and New Jersey converged on Montauk last weekend to hit into the southward run of migrating striped bass with hopes of winning fame, trophies and money prizes in the Montauk Marine Basin's 4th Annual Full Moon Bass Tournament.

More than 100 boat fishermen and 15 surfcasters entered the contest which was divided into three sessions starting Friday, Oct. 9, at noon, and ending at 2PM on Monday, Oct. 12. There were reports of catches as high as 12 stripers per boat with weights ranging from 20 to 30 lbs. Most fish caught in the surf were smaller, averaging 10 to 15 lbs.; however, the winning surfcaster fish weighed 29½ lbs.

Trophies were awarded for the biggest fish caught in each session, to winners in the women's, juniors' and surfcasters' divisions, and money prizes were won for the 3 largest overall bass in the tournament.

The junior division trophy was won by 12-year-old Allan Johnson of Sound Beach, NY, who boated a 29½ lb. bass while fishing with his father, Arthur Johnson, a school teacher, aboard the family's Boston Whaler. Allan, who weighs in at a hefty 80 lbs. himself, also won as a special award a striper fishing session aboard the "Rainbow II" under the supervision of Capt. Bob Rochetta, holder of the new world's record rod and reel striped bass title (a 76 lber. caught last July 17 off Montauk Point).

Judy Miller of Mineola, NY, won both the women's division and the second session trophies with a 26 lber. caught while fishing aboard Robert Wiesz' sportfisher, "My Ronnie." The tournament judges awarded the special captain's trophy to Wiesz, who is from Merrick, NY.

The first place prize of $300 for the largest overall bass, and a trophy for the winner in the first session, were awarded to Glenn Dennis of Ridge, NY, who caught a 49¼ lb. bass from his boat, the "Linesides." The 2nd place prize of $200, and a trophy for the 3rd session, were won with a 45 lber. caught by Danny Dalbora of Montauk aboard the "Jenny D." The 3rd place prize of $100 was won by James Kelly of Sag Harbor, NY, with a 38½ lb. striper caught during the 3rd session, fishing from the "Orient Express."

Ted Shaine of Montauk repeated his last year's win in the surfcaster division by landing a 29½ lber. "under the Light" at Montauk Point. In addition to a trophy, Shaine won a free mount of his catch by Eastern Taxidermy of Farmingville. His winning fish in last year's tournament weighed in at 32½ lbs.

The contestants were treated to a dockside "Beer and Chowder Bash" at the Montauk Marine Basin prior to the awards ceremony ending the tournament.

M.C.A. ELECTS NEW SLATE FOR '82

The Montauk Captains Association is pleased to announce that at their October meeting the following officers were elected for 1982:

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OAKDALE SPORTSMENS CLUB

The Oakdale Sportsmens Club ended its Striper/Bluefish Tournament in October with some unusual results.

Though hundreds of bluefish were taken the three largest were caught by Rich Jeffares of Oakdale on the Tail Roper. The largest blue taken was 16 lbs. 7 oz., with most in the 14-15 lb. bracket. The bluefish were taken south of the NA buoy.

The top three places in the bass division also went to the same angler.

Rick Buechmann, on the Obsession, took bass of 33, 30 and 12 lbs. The prize winners were taken on the Race with some bass weighed in by surf casters.

There were no bass taken on the South Shore.

NEW LOCATION FOR JENS JACOBS

Jens Jacobs, compass adjuster and President of Nautical Service, takes pleasure in announcing his move to a new, larger, more convenient location to better serve the needs of the boating public. The new store is located at 220 Ft. Salonga Rd. (Rt. 25A), Northport, N.Y., at the corner of Logan Hill Rd. Featured will be compasses and navigational instruments.

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The club meets at Newbridge Park in Bellmore each month. For more information contact: Art Greenspan, 221-5454.

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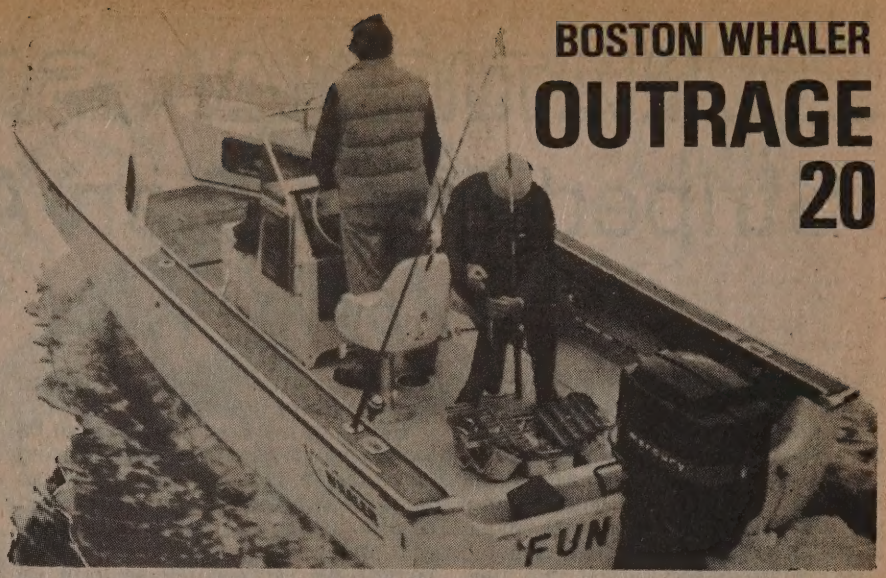
On Saturday night, October 10, the Lower Bay Anglers Fishing Club of Brooklyn held their 2nd annual Bluefish trip on the Amberjack V out of Sheepshead Bay. There were many fish taken up to 15 lbs. Bill McCormack, the Club President, was high hook with a dozen fish—several being over ten lbs. This proved to be an enjoyable evening for all participants.



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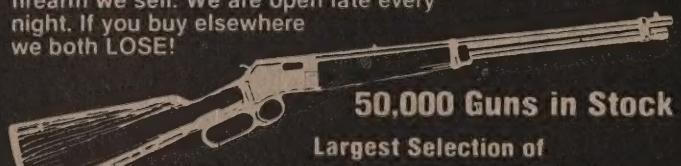

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Striped Bass Plan Advances

by Al Ristori

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission has adopted management plans for both the striped bass and menhaden (bunker) fisheries along the entire Atlantic Coast. All of this doesn't mean very much at the present time, as each state must adopt the regulations individually.

In the case of some states that may not be too difficult, as the power to make changes in conservation regulations rests with a department or fish commission—which organization was represented on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and is in favor of the change. However, in most states it's necessary to go back to the Legislature—and that's where various interest groups can exert sufficient pressure to nullify the scientific recommendations.

In order to set up an orderly system for controlling the striped bass population, the Commission has recommended a dual program that provides for differing regulations in nursery areas and along the coast. Striped bass caught in Albemarle Sound, Chesapeake Bay, Delaware Bay, and their tributaries, and the Hudson River (inland waters) may not be retained if they are less than 14'' total length (TL) or its equivalent fork length (FL). This minimum goal is considered to be a step in reaching an eventual goal of 15'' TL.

In coastal waters stripers may not be retained until they reach 24'' TL (or the equivalent FL) except: (1) no more than four fish which are less than 24'' TL, but which are at least 14'' TL, may be retained daily by each fisherman if the fish are caught by hook and line; and (2) if the fish are caught by net, not more than 5% of the total daily catch may consist of striped bass less than 24'' TL, but all must be at least 14'' TL.

The reason for the differing plans for inland and nursery areas is to strike a compromise that will allow fishermen in both areas to continue to catch a fair share of the resource, while still taking some portion of the pressure off the species. The proposed increase in minimum size in nursery areas from 12'' to 14'' now, and to 15'' in the future will result in a great many more stripers surviving to migrate along the coast. This is something which coastal anglers have been pushing for many years. On the other hand, coastal fishermen will have to do their part by releasing some spawning size fish and providing the opportunity for them to return to the nursery grounds.

Realizing that one never gets all he wants in a complex situation requiring compromise, this arrangement seems to be an equitable one. It was arrived at after years of study by scientists and many meetings of sport and commercial representatives from up and down the coast. Until there's a basic change in spawning success, the 24'' limit imposed on coastal anglers should be no great burden. Most coastal anglers rarely run into stripers under 24'' any longer. However, as some of my readers have pointed out, there is a problem with this limit in the areas surrounding nursery systems—such as western Long Island Sound and the New York Harbor area. Fortunately, the four fish exemption for bass between 14'' and 24'' will relieve some of that burden.

The main thrust of the coastal regulations is to prevent commercial fishermen from targeting on school stripers—and that is an objective which all anglers can subscribe to. The solutions recommended by the Commission may not be ideal in all respects, but they do provide a starting point for conservation of a species that's been in big trouble for some time. Rather than nit-picking at this attempt, we should support the effort and try to improve the status of our most desired inshore game fish.

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission has also recommended that the menhaden stock, as reflected in the annual harvest, be managed so that at least 10% of the fish caught by 1983 will be three years old or older. A three-year-old bunker is at the age of maturity and is capable of spawning. A study is now under way to determine proposed season closures to ensure that within the next two years at least 10% of bunkers caught will be of spawning age or older. This proposal is designed to take some of the pressure off the very small bunkers which the fleets have been working on with greater frequency in recent years. Those small bunkers have a minimal oil content and really shouldn't be harvested. Needless to say, they are also very important as forage fish to many game species.

The Commission also reviewed the fluke plan being developed in cooperation with the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council. That plan calls for the 14'' limit presently in effect in New York to be instituted coastwise. While this concept has wide support among anglers, there has been some negative comment from New Jersey due to the exceptionally small size of the fluke caught along the Jersey coast this year. New Yorkers had to throw back a great many fluke which Jersey fishermen were keeping, but the New York law has been pretty well accepted over the years. The law came about after it was discovered that most of the fluke available for the season arrived in the spring as small fish. By throwing back the smaller fish early, there are more respectable size fluke available later in the year.

While the 14'' limit may prove a burden to recreational fishermen at times, it will also save great numbers of small fluke from netters. This is a problem not only locally, but also off the North Carolina coast in the winter. Though there will be a good deal of mortality associated with the dragging of undersized fluke, there will be no incentive for draggers to work on small fluke if they can't retain them. Fortunately, all flatfish survive fairly well in nets—especially in the shallow waters in which fluke are usually netted. The real solution is to mandate a minimum mesh size for draggers that will permit the escape of fluke under 14''. However, those draggers who aren't concerned with conservation have fought that proposal as it would mean the loss of some other species which they'd also like to catch. Hopefully, something can be worked out on that crucial question before this plan is finalized.

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission was created by Congress in 1941 and is presently composed of 45 members, with each state represented by the director of the state's marine fisheries agency; a Governor's appointee, and one member of the state legislature. It's the Commission's responsibility to coordinate the activities of the 15 states which border the Atlantic Ocean in developing a unified plan for fisheries management. These plans are then submitted to the various governors and state legislatures and appropriate administrative agencies of the states for review and implementation. In New Jersey, the Marine Fisheries Council will review the plans in detail.

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FISH TALK

PARASITES & POLLUTION

by William A. Muller

KENNETH HLAVACEK OF PORT WASHINGTON had several questions about fish parasites. "Manhasset Bay experienced a run of slammer blues that lasted for about two months. Recently some fish, not necessarily big ones, have had parasites. I realize this is not that uncommon on big fish. I do eat very few blues, but I fillet a few and I found a worm. I found the worm in the white meat and it was about the size of a bloodworm. It was amber brown in color and it did not move. Any answers or theories on this?" You're absolutely right, Ken—worms are not that uncommon in fish. Actually, the older a fish is the more chance there is that parasites will find their way into the fish, but that does not mean that younger fish cannot be infected as well. Higher infection in older, thus larger, fish is a statistical phenomenon. I can't tell from your description what kind of worm this was, but I can suggest that there are several types of worms that can be parasites on fish. Some are more or less permanent such as nematode worms that cycle through many generations while others are using the fish as an intermediate host on their way to completing their life cycles outside the fish either in a free living state or as a parasite on another living animal.

MORE PARASITES FROM TOM EVANS. "I would like to know the name of a parasite that lives in the gills of many smaller types of saltwater fish. I have seen them on snappers and porgies. They are clear to white, are oval shape, and have lots of legs." What I believe you are describing is an isopod arthropod (related to insects, crabs, etc.). These are called sand fleas by some. These animals normally live in the sand and make a living as scavengers. That is, they will eat bits and pieces of dead matter that comes their way. On occasion, fish will come to rest on the sand and the isopod will jump up onto the gills. The fish resting on the bottom may be chewing a bait that was recently caught. Fish are not always the neatest eaters and it isn't uncommon for small pieces to pass out through the gills. The isopod is attracted to this. The fish swims away and takes the isopod with it. The isopod may stay attached for awhile and the fish (such as a snapper) will continue to provide it with a free lunch. When the fish moves to water that is too deep, too hot, too cold, etc., the isopod will likely drop off. As far as I can determine the isopod does the fish no damage. I personally have studied this over the years and I have not been able to find a single instance where the isopod has damaged the delicate gill filaments. I have never observed any bleeding. Since the isopod/fish relationship is so very common in snappers towards the end of the summer it is very common to find them and when they are discovered, we get a flurry of letters on it. However, I have not seen the particular animal you have referred to and it is possible that you could have seen another animal. Since you did mention snappers, I think it a good bet that we're talking about one and the same.

ANTHONY MEDORO OF FLUSHING ASKS ABOUT WATER QUALITY. We get many letters about Long Island water quality and it is a justified concern. After all, we live in or close to one of the largest cities in the world and it is certain that the quality of our marine waters has been compromised by sewage and industrial pollution. "Recently while porgy fishing off a pier in Glen Cove, I caught an unexpected three-and-a-foot eel that weighed 8½ lbs. A friend told me that the eel is a sign of unclean waters. This got me thinking. If this is true, then how dirty are the oceans? I'm sure that the water we fish in is filled with eels; so does that mean our waters are filthy? How safe is it to eat the fish we catch in the sea, not to mention the eels! Would the constant motion of the water keep it clean enough for the fish to survive. Surely if the water were always still no aquatic life could survive. On a scale of one to ten, how would you rate the conditions of our waters? 1 = poorest and 10 = best. What is the main pollutant in our waters? About how many fish die each year from the condition (quality) of the water? Do you believe that one day the water will be so contaminated that fish won't be able to survive? How can you tell if a fish is unsafe to eat? Does the fish have a feature or flaw on its body to tell us how healthy it is? Are there any fish that are known to be unsafe to eat because they are contaminated? If our waters are really that polluted, then I hope that other fishermen will read this letter and realize how poor our water quality is. We must all pitch in and help regain the cleanliness our waters once had!"

INTERESTING! Let's take the scale of one to ten question first. I can't give you one number because the water quality varies from place to place. Even the numbers that I'm about to give you are gross generalizations because conditions can vary within only a few feet. However, as a guide and a rule of thumb, let's begin with the waters close to New York City such as Jamaica Bay and Flushing Bay on the north. I'd rate both of these as 7; however, we must realize that where sewage enters these waters directly small pockets close to the outfall will be a one! Nonetheless, the water quality of most of these bodies of water is very good. I'd have to give them only a seven because they are closed to clamming and portions to swimming also. Perhaps these restrictions give a biased view of the water quality. Restrictions on shellfish are done for the overall health of the people because the risk of hepatitis in shellfish increases where sewage pollutes. However, on a non-disease basis the oxygen content is high, the productivity is sound, chemical pollution is not outrageous and, therefore, water quality is pretty good. I'd rate the Great South Bay Complex as between 7 and 9 depending upon how far west you are and for much the same reason as described to west end waters. In the Sound, I'd rate the waters east of Little Neck Bay as about 8 out to Cold Spring Harbor and then a 9 out to Port Jefferson Harbor and then a 10 the rest of the way out. Peconic Bay is a ten except down in Flanders and the eastern Great South Bay, Shinnecock, and Moriches Bays are 10 too! Again, give me the benefit of the isolated pockets of pollution.

YOUR FRIEND WAS WRONG! The person who told you that eels are a sign of unclean waters was not correct. Eels have been swimming the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans before there was man and his pollution. Eels are very clean fish (as most fish are) despite their slimy feel. Eels live through a cycle that takes them from the deep ocean to our rivers and it is the time spent in polluted rivers that can contaminate them. Eels in the Hudson have been found to have high levels of PCBs, for instance, and yet eels sampled in the ocean had very low levels of the chemical. The same results (different real numbers) have been found for

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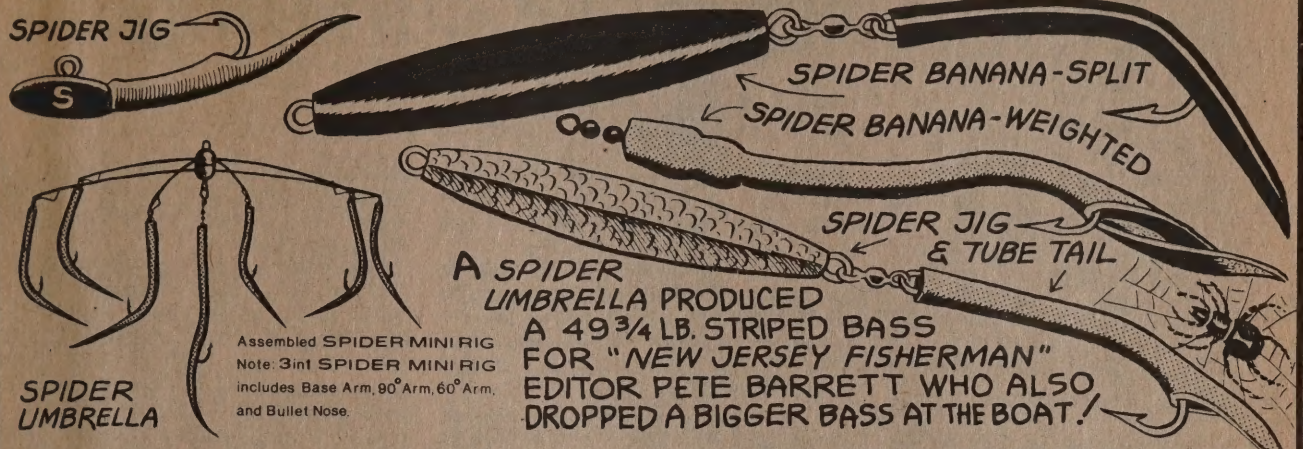
FISHERMAN TIPS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

50 LB. STRIPED BASS, OFFSHORE TUNA, MARLIN, INSHORE & OFFSHORE BLUES WERE ALL CAUGHT THIS SEASON ON *SPIDER TACKLE* - FOCUSING ATTENTION ON THIS NEW JERSEY BASED FISHING TACKLE COMPANY STARTED IN 1976 BY VIC GALGANO.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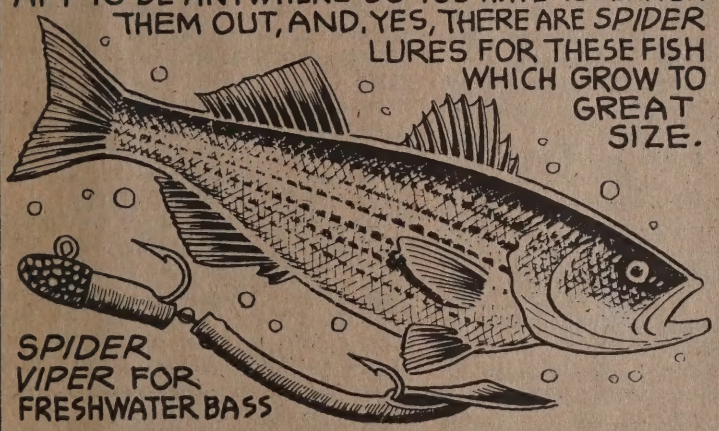

SPIDER VIPER FOR FRESHWATER BASS

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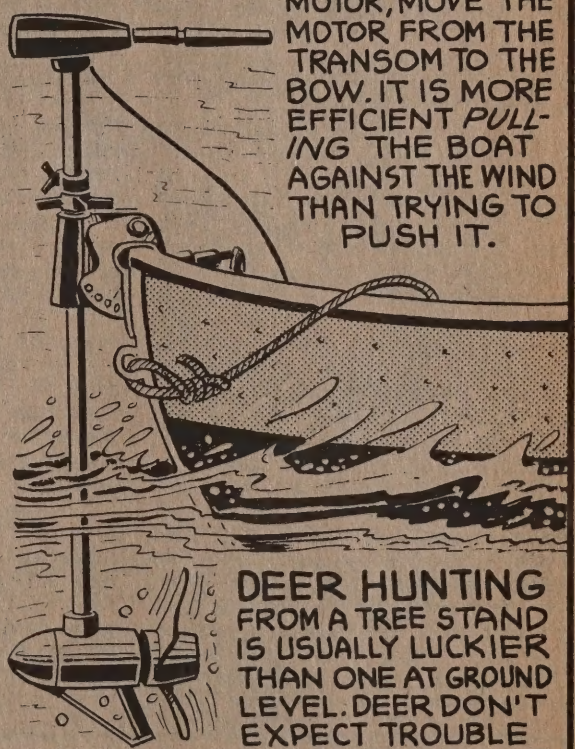


WATCH BIRDS EATING MINNOWS SUCH AS HERONS, EGRETS, CRANES AND OTHER SHORE BIRDS. THEY CONCENTRATE AROUND SCHOOLS OF MINNOWS AS DO GAMEFISH. *FISH WHERE THE BIRDS ARE AT!*

DEER HUNTING FROM A TREE STAND IS USUALLY LUCKIER THAN ONE AT GROUND LEVEL. DEER DON'T EXPECT TROUBLE FROM ABOVE AND SELDOM LOOK UP WHEN THEY SENSE OR SCENT DANGER.

South Shore Codfishing

by Matt Ahern

I balanced the quarter gently on my thumb and bridged it across the crook of my index finger. I looked inquiringly at my buddy Artie Leidecker. "Heads, it's cod; tails, it's blacks. Agreed?"

Artie shifted his weight from one foot to another. "Listen to him, will you," he said to Al Dunn. "Everything's got to be double-checked. Flip the damn thing!"

I sent the coin whirling into the air, caught it in the palm of one hand as it descended and covered it with the other. I took a peek. "Heads!" I announced with glee, for I do love codfishing.

"It would be," Artie replied without enthusiasm. "You remember what happened last week. Zip."

"Not so," I replied. "You got zip. I got two ling."

"Listen to him, Al. He's bragging about two ling." He turned to me. "You know, you shouldn't be allowed out. Tell you what: let's meet on board in the morning—before dawn. If the weather holds, we'll give it a whirl."

He and Al walked off down the street. And that's how our second cod trip of the season began.

What Artie said about our first trip was true enough. It was a complete bust. We didn't have a bit of action—except for those two ling, which I called to Artie's attention only as a zinger. We'd tried the best cod-producing spots south of Jones Inlet. This entire area, running from buoy 2, thence south to Cholera, from the Southeast Grounds, west to buoy 4, and continuing on to Scallop Ridge. This entire area is our stamping ground for cod, an area we've fished together for a good many years. A vast area, indeed, especially when you consider the many potential stops in-between.

It wasn't the first time we failed to connect, but I hoped that with a week's advancement in the season, this time it would be different. This was my thought as I stepped aboard Artie's thirty-foot Echo.

It was quite dark, that peculiar shade of pure indigo which heralds the coming dawn. It would quickly change, for even as I looked about me, I noticed a faint nimbus of light to the east. The air was still, a light frost spangled the Echo's rail. A typical early morning in mid-November, one which promised a fine day ahead.

I found Artie and Al huddled out of the chill, looking for all the world like two lost souls. "Cheer up," I said, "you're only going codfishing, not to the gallows."

"We haven't had coffee yet," Artie replied. "We're waiting for you." He started the Echo's engine. "Let's have it now while she warms up." And as we sipped coffee, we discussed the day's plan. "We'll try the Southeast Grounds first," Artie decided. "Fishing's better there in December, but the fish weren't on the inshore sand last week, so maybe they're out there. Okay with you guys?"

"You're the skipper," Al said, which put everything into a nutshell.

We cast off and the Echo picked her way slowly through the gloom of Reynolds Channel. "I put a bushel of skimmer on board last night," Artie told me as I stood beside him, "just in case we have to chum." He stoked his pipe and put a match to it. "We should have full daylight before we reach the inlet. You better take the wheel then. I want to go below and study the chart."

The chart. Artie's personal chart. I've written about it before, but I don't know much about it. It's the sum total of many codfishing trips over the years. When I've been privileged to see it, it has been for brief periods only. I can tell you that it is many-hued, its colors ranging from black to brilliant red, each representing a particular oddity of our codfishing area. It details depths at high tide, water temperatures at certain times of the season, which areas the cod frequent first, particular bottom compositions such as shale, mud, sand color, wrecks, rocks, broken wreckage we've stumbled across, etc. It is quite something—a labor of love you might say. I've been promised an opportunity to copy it some day, but I'm still waiting.

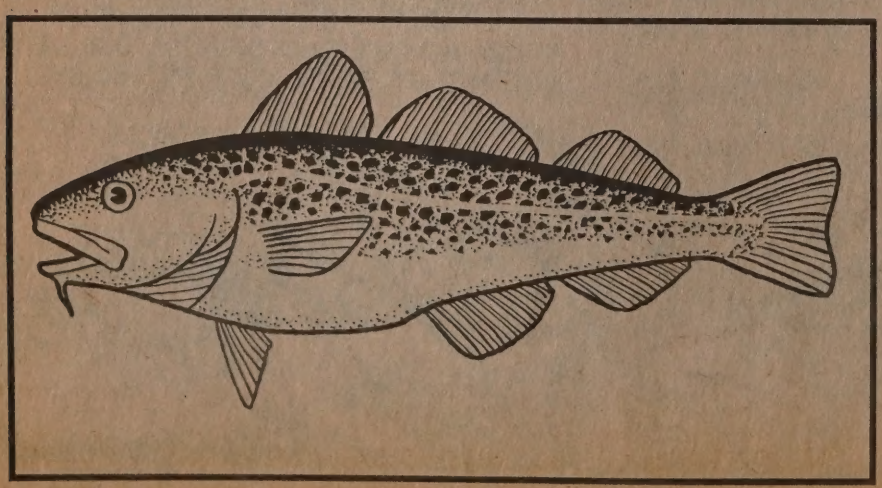
Artie went below and as we passed the bell buoy, I headed the Echo about east-southeast and held it there. We had a good hour and better of sailing time before we arrived. Using this to his advantage, Al selected and shucked a supply of skimmer for bait and began to slice them. "About in half ought to be about right, Al," I reminded him.

Artie reappeared some minutes later, took over the wheel, checked the compass reading, glanced at his watch, and reloaded the inevitable pipe. "I think we should try a little drifting first. It's a good day for it, what with yesterday's westerly backing around to this light northerly. Sure to rain tomorrow, which means the barometer will drop sometime this afternoon; probably on the next low water. We better get in all the fishing we can this morning, because you know how cod and a dropping barometer get along."

Every codfishing trip with Artie Leidecker is an education in itself.

We continued on, drinking coffee and rehashing last week's trip in an effort to discover what went wrong. We learned nothing, couldn't even guess with a degree of assurance. Such is the fishng game, and between you and me, I wouldn't want it to be any different.

So involved were we with our discussion that we seemed to arrive in half the time. Artie slowed, let the Echo drift a minute or two, and then shut down. Our drift, what there was



of it, was offshore.

The three of us clustered on the port side of the stern, which would allow our lines to drift away instead of beneath the hull. It is easier fishing this way, but not always the best, especially when aboard a party boat or any craft with more than a few fishermen. Those who fish under the hull of a drifting boat always have first crack at the fish as the boat passes over them. But we weren't competing with each other; we just wanted to know if the cod were there.

I placed a slice of skimmer on my 5/0 Sproat, put the reel into free-spool and let the 8 oz. bank sinker find bottom. Artie fished beside me while Al moved off a few feet to "give himself elbow room." We were into the drift about thirty minutes when Al lifted a whiting over the rail. Then I got one, and Artie decked a dogfish. Several more doggies came up and then the action stopped.

I was just about to suggest starting another drift when I experienced that familiar feeling: a sixth sense which tells me a cod is there. That's the only way I can describe it. I felt nothing tangible, but yet I was certain. Every old-time codfisherman will vouch for this; they, too, will agree that they often know without knowing.

Artie was immediately aware of what was going on. "Company?" he asked.

"I think so," I said. "Let's find out."

I reeled in what little slack I had, pointed the rod down at a sharp angle, and waited for Echo to lift to the next swell. Using that for added power, I came back on the fish—hard. The rod took on that set which only a cod can make. The fish swam a few feet, halted, and then began to pump. I held on. Reeled in when the fish swam with me, and held on again when it pumped. "It's no monster," I volunteered, "but it's a nice one."

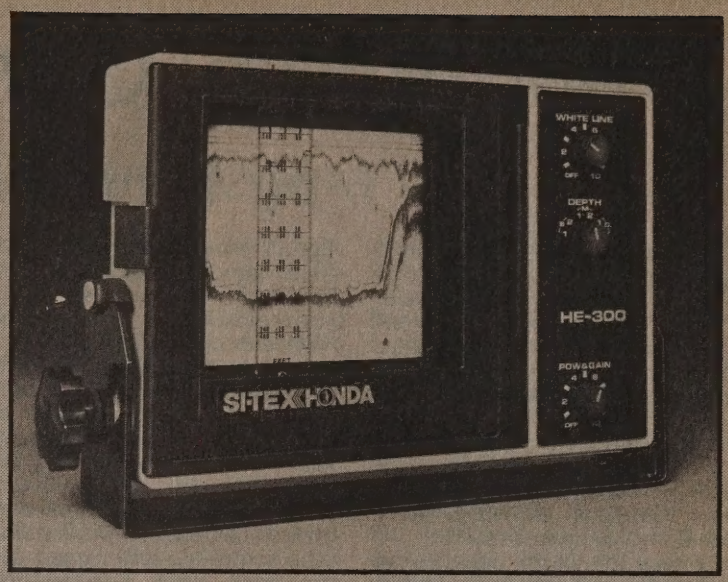
Artie had reeled in the instant I hooked the cod, and when I brought it to the surface, he was ready with the gaff. He gaffed it neatly through the head and lifted it over the rail. "Easy eighteen, twenty pounds," he said, as he shook the fish from the gaff onto the deck. "Beats those two ling."

"It does that," I agreed.

We continued the drift, but except for a few more whiting, there was no further action. I guess we spent two additional hours in futile drifts, and when we eventually ran out of whiting, Artie decided to make a move.

"I told you this place is better in December," he said. "Tell you what, fellers, let's try that piece of broken skimmer bottom south of buoy 4. It's going to take awhile to get there, so let's relax, eat our lunch, and keep our fingers crossed."

Next week I'll tell you what happened at buoy 4, our trials and tribulations, etc. In the meantime, while we wait, let's, as Artie said, keep our fingers crossed.



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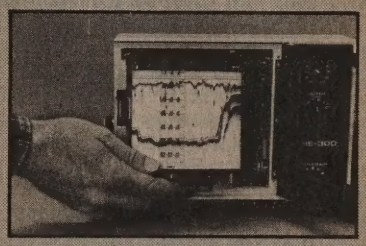

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Technology Gone Fishin'

by Vin Reilly

Put down that winding thread, don't grease a reel or hone a hook this winter until you've mastered your kid's new computer game and practiced the skills you'll really need to fish the future.

Microprocessors under the buttons of those plastic boxes contain visions of contented, efficient fishing at the dawn of a decade. Why we fish won't ever change: it's for food or fun. How we fish continues evolving when affordable improvements exist.

Eased back in deeply upholstered bucket seats, systems then power shut-down, there will be nothing left to do but eat or store frozen fillets. Eating or storing is a yes/no, 1 or 2 binary digital decision, predictably the end of any successful fishing outing when you keep the catch. That's an archetypal, primordal fishing truth, but the future fisher won't be hit with spray or even feel a breeze—the fishing is done from a bucket seat via advanced but available, off-the-shelf technology. All we will have to **do** is simply eat cooked fillets and/or place sealed, frozen slabs in storage. Here's how it's done.

The bucket seat is in the command and control shack, either mounted on a pick-up parked near the beach or, if you live near the beach, in your home. Outside the shack only a few odd antennas distinguish it from any other big box. Inside, the single most obvious piece of equipment facing the operator's bucket seat is a CRT or "TV" screen, for display and control. The picture on it is [the picture] seen by a starlight-enhanced (low light level) and infrared camera mounted on the "chase" unit, the other working half of our fishing system beside the control shack.

The chase unit is extremely fuel efficient, designed to run beaches and fish. It does **not** carry people or their provisions. Just a highly mobile amphibious equipment platform having a high ramp breakover angle with four corner-mounted wheels and a motor. The "tires" have perfect oval cross sections, perfect for beaches, not roads, they are designed to work in surf also.* (*They look like a cross between an air filter and a roto-tiller.) The suspension pumps quad 50/50 ratio gas shocks off adjustable torsion and anti-sway bars. It can traverse over 60% inclines and 42% slope sides. Looking like the moon buggy, it is built of light, rugged alloy tubing with sacrificial metal anodes providing corrosion protection. Power comes from a tiny Isuzu diesel and goes to full-time 4WD with LSD aiding grip.

You may recognize a radar rotating "T" antenna topping the chaser. This array is for a low powered terrain-scanning unit which displays the beach even on those foggy nights when rod tips disappear and which could still blind even our starlight/infrared camera eye. As the chaser is radio controlled and rigged to transmit back data needed for our chairbound angler in the command/control shack to drive it along beaches to fishing beats, it bristles with quite a few sticks of all sizes, not one of which is a fishing rod. Loran C capable with on-board computer guidance, the chase buggy can navigate itself to pre-selected coordinates if you do not like to drive.

When the chaser is on the chosen strip of beach or bar, two side-scan sonar transponders on control/retrieve cables are launched well out past the breakers from fore and aft mounted and angled compressed air powered launch tubes. With two trapezoidal arrayed transponders placed, the power to "see" or sense underwater extends out and over any bar, enabling pinpoint display of both fish and bottom structure with fine-tune resolution power sufficient to target **the fish** we want. (*Selected species can be I.D. matched through our storehouse of distinctive sonar return patterns [processed for white line, gray line, black line and our new patented Twain line] contained in the memory bank—which incidentally fits on a MOS FET IC micro-miniprocessor chip smaller than the eye on a RedFin.) "Plugs" or pre-rigged and loaded articulated baits can now be launched from short compressed air tubes, aimed directly at, and locked onto the particular targeted fish we have been tracking.

Forget about the good old days of "high-visibilty" lines; our new line is optical fiber control cable which gives underwater real-time visibility **of the fish** as we wiggle the plug/bait by its snout. Fish won't bite? A mini launch tube is the plug/bait blows a leader-trailing fleshette-barb into the fish if you want protein that badly. More often we don't, and the velcro-like, hairy wet epoxy coating on the plug/bait does the job. When the fish bites, its teeth or mouth plates are snared in the Velepoxy gel and it can't let go.

The op-fiber line is carrying data to the chase rig for relay to control where starlight enhancing, computer sharpened graphics produce a crisp picture. This op-fiber line doesn't part. In addition to carrying multiple video plug/bait control circuits, it also serves to winch the fish straight up the beach and through the roller-sensor guides into the mechanized whirring fillet blades. Persistent pollutants in brown stripe or fatty tissue can be routinely excised. If ecology is your thing, the rack (sans sounds) can be deposited on the beach for the gulls; if not, an attractively priced, capitol recovering fish mean canning option is available on special order. If playing is your thing, the winch comes equipped with variable drag. Of course, the fish can be tagged and/or released at water's edge by a frangible squib actuator which frees the plug/bait's coating and serendipitously provides a shock soothing nutrient to the released fish as the biodegradable (vitamins added) Velepoxy coat dissolves.

Once the fillets are aboard the chaser begins its rendezvous run to control. En route, solenoids and servos click, the fillets are cooked and/or frozen and shrink sealed using waste heat from the engine and bled from the shock system to power the processing.

For purists, tomorrow promises a hand held (with belt battery Po'Wr pack) unit which displays the chip enhanced underwater video in a reel seat mounted microscreen, taking advantage of maneuverable plug/baits being developed. Those of us who garner the ocean/beach interfaces harvest buggyless and enjoy bucking the tide can still reap the microprocessor-based advantages our fishing future holds.

CAPTAIN'S TABLE

Eels Around The World

by Eileen Regina

Most Americans do not appreciate eels! Fishermen usually curse when they catch them by accident while fishing for more desirable species, hating the slimy touch of them and swearing at the impossible tangles they can make out of your line. Other fishermen, perhaps the smarter ones, accept them as par for the saltwater fishing course, and striped bass specialists seek 'em out for a dynamite bait when fished alive and wiggling. Pluggers treasure their eel skins, and account for lots of trophy bass by using eel skin plugs around the rocks at night, usually under the aegis of a full moon. Yet other fishermen, perhaps the relative minority of them, fish specifically for eels and consider them a great delicacy to eat.

Although I personally can't stand to handle the slimy things, whose cut sections never seem to stop wiggling even as they are being cooked in a pan of hot grease, I must admit that they are truly delicious. To prove that point one only has to see how much eels are in demand as a food fish throughout the world, especially on the older, more sophisticated continents of Europe and Asia. There this much maligned fish is enjoyed by everyone of all nationalities, and in fact, our American taste for eels, however small by comparison to European or Asian tastes, can only be attributed to our introduction to eels via the roots of our heritage.

Larouse Gastronomic, the French bible of cooking, devotes seven pages to the subject of cooking eels and describes no less than fifty-one ways to enjoy them, including eel coulibiac and eel pate (with truffles, no less!). Scandinavians and Danes like them smoked, serving fillets on toast with or without scrambled eggs. The Belgians are the most devout eel eaters, perhaps second only to their neighbors, the Dutch; the Italians wouldn't feel it was Christmas without eel, and the Greeks, Portuguese, and Germans also consider them a great delicacy. On the other side of the world, the Chinese eat sauteed eel with bamboo shoots and the Japanese eat grilled eel (unagy) glazed with soy and mirin, accompanied by shredded radish and cucumber.

True eel gourmets delight in the Spanish dish of angulas, bite-sized baby eels prepared in tiny clay casseroles, in olive oil with slices of well browned chewy garlic and whole dried red peppers. Other gourmets prefer the French provencal way of preparing julienne strips of eel in white wine, mushroom and shallot sauce, called matelote d'anguilles, served in a puff pastry shell. Our peasant Italian roots are happily satisfied with a dish of linguine and eel sauce, a delicate tomato sauce made interesting by the addition of bite-sized pieces of boneless eel, or plain, old-fashioned pan fried eels sprinkled with a dash or two of red wine vinegar.

At any rate you can by now appreciate the fact that eels are truly a dish that is universal in demand, and we offer a couple of recipes today that are rather easy to prepare. If they appeal to you and you would like additional recipes from other countries, perhaps we can run another set of them in some future issue of LIF. We welcome all comment and can be reached via the LIF office to answer any question you might have in regard to our recipes. For today we travel to Europe for a Scandinavian jellied eel and to Asia for something with an Oriental flavor (no pun intended!).

JELLIED EEL

Ingredients (serves 4-6)
1 lb. eel, skinned & cut into 1" pcs.
2 large onions, sliced
2 large bay leaves
6 peppercorns
1/2 tsp. table salt
2 cups water
1 tbs. vinegar

Place eel and all ingredients except vinegar in a small to medium saucepan, one that is small enough so water covers the eel. Cover and simmer until eel is tender, about twenty minutes. Strain liquid from eel into one quart casserole, add vinegar and salt to taste. Add pieces of eel, boned if desired, and refrigerate overnight.

This makes a delicate jelly; if you prefer a firmer jelly, soften one teaspoon of unflavored gelatin in one tablespoon of water and add to hot liquid, stirring until dissolved.

Served cold, this can be either a buffet or a meal. For a meal, double the ingredient amounts and accompany it with boiled new potatoes still in their red jackets and fresh spinach, coarsely chopped and with a bit of heavy cream stirred in.

EEL ORIENTAL

Ingredients (Serves 4)
1/4 cup flour
1 tsp. paprika
1/4 tsp. table salt
1/2 tsp. ground black pepper
2 tbs. butter or bacon drippings
1 lb. eels, skinned & cut into 2" pcs.
2 sprigs parsley, snipped
Accompaniments: lemon wedges, soy sauce, capers, snipped anchovies, grated fresh horseradish, grated radishes, grated cucumbers, tartar sauce.

First, combine flour, paprika, salt and pepper in a pie plate. Roll pieces of eel in this mixture, set aside. Heat butter in a skillet until it turns golden (if you save bacon drippings, here is a perfect place to put it to delicious use!), then saute eel until done. Sprinkle with parsley and arrange on platter. Garnish with the accompaniment of your choice, blending that soy sauce with sherry before passing it around. Here the ideal complement would be a bed of rice and perhaps bamboo shoots, and a fresh spinach salad sprinkled with bean sprouts.

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LATE FALL IN NEW YORK BIGHT

by Pete Barrett

Now that fall season is hard upon us, many fishermen are setting their sights on striped bass. This last assault of the year before the cold of December ends it all is often one of the most intense times of the year if you are one of those fanatical striped bass fishermen bitten hard by the "bug."

Some fishermen get so hungry for bass they ignore jobs, families and any other responsibility that may interfere with the fish in focus during the end of October and through November: the striped bass.

If you could check the log books of many charter captains and hotshot bass men you'd find that most of the bass taken at this time of the year are caught on umbrella rigs. If you have your sights adjusted towards bass this fall, umbrella rigs should be in your arsenal of lures.

Rich Barrett's schoolie hit a Jointed Spider squid eel trolled on a 4' leader down the center of mini-umbrella rig.

Sure, there are other lures that can be good, like bunker spoons, large plugs, or baits like bunker; but on a daily basis the rigs will still rack up the lion's share of the catch.

Umbrella rigs meant for bass are very different from the summertime rigs meant for bluefish. Bass rigs are less gaudy in color with most captains favoring dark reds and purples in the tubes rather than the bright oranges, lime greens and other flashy colors that blues seem to fall in love with.

My own favorites are dark green and the wine red tubes. Both colors seem to do well during the tail end season and have caught many fish; yet I recall a day with our associate editor, Russ Wilson, when Russ clipped a multi-colored rig to his wire line. We both chuckled over the outlandish rig, but he had heard of several good bass men taking some good catches on the rig. Needless to say it worked just fine that day and Russ slipped a few hummers into the fish box. That just shows that it pays to experiment, but the basic color selection of the reds, purples, blacks and greens is still the best starting point.

Bluefish tubes can be short. Bass tubes need to be longer and to swim with a more snake-like action. I bend my bluefish tubes along the hook shank to accent the spinning motion. My bass tubes are made up with mono leaders or bead chain to make the swimming motion less severe.

Many fishermen think the tubes look like eels. Well, that may very well be, but I think the profile of the tube as it spins is what is important. As the tube spins, it presents a blurring silhouette which looks like a short, fat fish (bunker) to a bluefish or a longer, slim profile of a longer tube (sand eels). A very slow traveling tube may look like an eel, but a faster spinning umbrella rig tube looks more like a baitfish.

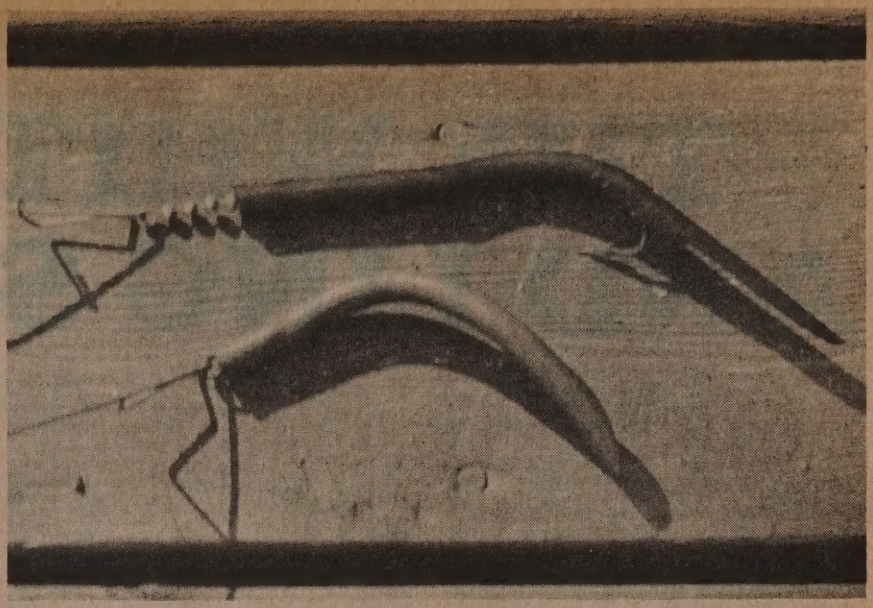
I've talked to fishery biologists who feel that the vibrations of the multi-tubed rigs is what attracts the fish. Others say it's the "school effect" as the rig passes by a fish and looks like a school of baitfish. Still others say it's the mass of color of the rig and then the trailing tube that gets the fish to hit. No one knows for sure, and perhaps all these interpretations should all be added together to get

the answer. Sound, color, the overall size of the lure all may contribute to the attraction of the rigs.

Motion may play a part of it, too. For this reason the better bass umbrellas are often rigged with a length of mono ahead of each tube. This helps to separate the tubes from the arms of the umbrella and probably gives the tubes more freedom of movement. Bluefish tubes can be rigged on a barrel swivel; bass tubes are most often seen with bead chain for a freer spinning action.

If size is important it may pay to try two sizes of umbrella rigs. The smallish mini-rigs are certainly more pleasant to troll, since they have less drag in the water and don't inhibit the fight of the fish, yet the larger rigs can be better fish catchers on some days. Marking fish well last season off the Highlands Bridge, I couldn't buy a hit on the mini-rigs I had trolled for over an hour. Switching one of the small rigs to a larger, full-sized rig made a dramatic difference as we hooked two school bass within minutes, one right after the other. Switching the other three rigs to larger sizes, turned a slow day into a bonanza for nearly an hour as we took a good number of school bass to seven and eight pounds.

I believe the most important part of the rig is the trailing tube or lure. Again green and wine red are my favorites, but I've fooled around with spoons, swimming plugs and buck-



Bass tube (top) has bead chain and is longer than bluefish at bottom.

tails as the center dropback. They have all worked at one time or another and may pay off again on a picky day.

I like a long single tube of about 12'' to 18'' as the drop tube. It can be unweighted or it can be a jointed type that spins better. The leader should be between four and six feet. After several fish, I'll change the lure. Schoolies don't bother a center tube, but if you hit a few big fish, they can weaken the hook, bead chain or leader. I change it so there's no chance of a lost fish because of lure failure—there's few enough bass without losing a good fish because of a weakened lure.

The mornings are getting cold, but the action can be warm to red hot on bass of all sizes, as they get fooled by a properly presented and rigged umbrella rig.

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THE WHITING AND LING STORY

Part One — *by Rich Giessuebel*

The most cooperative species of fish in the New York/New Jersey Bight are the whiting, silver hake and the ling, red or squirrel hake. These two species are caught daily in huge quantities where individual catches in excess of 100 fish are called just an average day. Easily caught, poor weather conditions are the only true deterrent. These are winter species and they're only caught after the water has cooled down from its summer 70s into the more frigid lower 50s. Atmospheric conditions tend to keep air temperatures in the 30s, while it's not uncommon for wind chill factors to hover below zero. With this in mind, anglers wait for good days to crop up before attempting most ocean assaults.

As for the whiting, they like water temperatures in the 40s. Wherever goes the temperature they prefer, so go the whiting and ling. In the summer, you can find the two fish offshore down deep where this water temperature prevails. Then, as winter approaches, you can expect the fish to move inshore where there's a lot of bait and where the water temperature is slowly lowering into the preferred range. Oftentimes, night angling breaks wide open first. This is because night temperatures dip quickly and the fish enjoy hunting and feeding under such pleasurable circumstances. Surely, however, daytime water temperatures drop drastically and fish are caught both day and night on the inshore grounds.

The final phase of the whiting and ling story is when the temperatures drop down below 38°. Again, the fish move back offshore where they're pursued by boats until the inshore water temperatures begin to rise again. Therefore, we have an offshore fishery in the summer and in the middle of winter; while we have great inshore fishing during the late fall and early spring. With this in mind, I'll concentrate on inshore and offshore tackle requirements, rigs and bait differences, and the hows and whens that allow anglers the opportunity to make full bag catches. We'll begin by first describing the offshore fishery and then in Part II we'll talk about catching fish inshore.

For the offshore fisherman, there are many locations along Long Island's South Shore that give up summer and winter whiting and ling. Located directly outside Rockaway Inlet at a heading of 120° and a distance of three miles is Scallop Ridge. Once a favorite spot for cod fishermen, the Ridge now gives up endless whiting and ling in the fall and spring of each year. However, since the Ridge is located pretty much on a course for Ambrose Tower, anglers should attempt to pass through it and see if the fish aren't already in residence here. Through investigations like these, you can get in on some very good fishing prior to the word getting out. As far as the Ridge, it is about two miles off Rockaway Beach where the average water depth will be in the 40s. Coming along the course prescribed your depth will slowly fall off. When you hit the 40s, fish.

Altering your course from here to due south or 180° will bring you to the Ambrose Tower. Depths here will range in the 90s and in late summer and late winter, fish will be found here in abundance. Mackerel also pass this way, so you can get quite a mixed bag while out here on most days. However, usually the Tower is simply a jumping off place to get to other more productive locations.

The Mud Hole is located just beyond the tower at a heading of 110° and a distance of 3.5 miles. Here you can expect to find water depths of 100'. Whiting and ling are caught here often. Tuna which feed on the whiting and ling also roam these waters on occasion where, every so often, they surprise a fisherman who's pulling up a fish by grabbing the fish and taking off with it. When this occurs, all you can hope for is that you realize what's going on soon enough to tighten your drag and snap your line. If you don't, the ole tuna may just make off with all of it leaving you high and dry. This doesn't happen often, and when it does, tuna fishermen from all over descend on the area. So, you as a whiting fisherman will then have to stand clear.

Further south from here or at 240° from the Mud Hole (about 180° from the Tower and at a distance of four miles), is the 17 Fathom Bank. The Bank is around eight miles offshore of the Highlands, New Jersey or about 12 miles at 170° from Rockaway Inlet. Here, whiting and ling are a sure bet. Depths range in the high 90s to low 100s. If your recorder shows depths in the 70s-80s, then head offshore more. Should you read 120+, then you're too far offshore and you should ride back into the range just mentioned.

From this point south, water depths begin to fall drastically. It's not impossible to hit areas where the depth is over 200'. However, only in the middle of the summer do such locations house sizable populations of fish. Also, for the most part, this is wreck fishing and trying to locate these wrecks without sophisticated locational equipment such as Lorans, Radar, or Sonar is absolutely impossible. So we'll only locate one more offshore location and that'll be the Farms.

The Farms are located four miles south of the 17 Fathom Bank. Again, the Farms are situated on the edge of the Mud Hole where the average depth is upper 90s and lower 100s. Offshore of the Farms, depths reach down as far as 190' or so, as you can see, fish will migrate to a holding region such as this and wait for temperatures to swing in one direction or the other. Hence, almost anywhere along the edge of the Mud Hole you can get in on some off-season action. If it's not there, then simply head further offshore where temperatures are more to the species liking.

There are a lot of wrecks as I've mentioned out here, and the two that are closest to the Farms are the Pinta in 90' of water due south and the Goulandris located in 200' of water southeast at 135°. These then make up the range that you could expect to reach on an outing from the New York Metropolitan Area and fish all on a one-day trip.

Let me make a point here! Offshore is no place to be if you don't know what you're doing. This is especially true in the winter, when water kills from simple exposure. For example, if you were to fall overboard or more unfortunately had your boat sunk, you could expect to remain conscious for 60 minutes in water 50°, while the time is cut down considerably to 30 minutes for water about 40°. In the

30° area, try just 15 minutes. So, be careful out there and make certain that your craft is shipshape.

Another important point when offshore is to listen to your radio. Storm warnings should be heeded immediately. Although you're not way offshore, bad weather comes up fast in the winter, and even in the Mud Hole waves will become bothersome no matter what direction the wind. If you won't keep the radio on at all times, then observe other weather signals.

Clouds are a dead giveaway as to what type of weather to expect. High puffy cumulus clouds stretching across the horizon indicate to most seamen that a shift of winds and weather are headed your way. Should they crop up on your horizon, head for home. Flat sheet-like clouds, stratocumulus, also foretell trouble. Expect decreasing visibility and rain. Both of these type systems should put your engine in gear, since you don't want to contend with the shipping lanes that you're in and the huge tanker and barge traffic here in poor visibility.

Another indication of bad weather is that of the Coast Guard signals. A daytime red triangular flag indicates **Small Craft Warnings** and winds up to 38 mph. Double triangles of red are **Gale Force Warnings** for winds up to 54 mph. A square red flag with a black square inside is a **Storm Warning** for winds up to 72 mph. Double this and you've got a **Hurricane Warning** for winds of above 72 mph.

Another thing that you might consider doing is to call the Weather Bureau Office in your area. Ask for offshore weather reports and they'll give you the most up-to-date information for today and tomorrow. In the New York City area, call: 212-971-5561 or call the weather recording: 212-WE 6-1212. These, then, are ways to check and see what you'll be getting out into.

One final thing that I'd like to say about safety is that you should follow some common sense. Fish'll be there another day. If there's any chance that your craft will not have an easy time, then don't go. However, any time that you do go, it's wise to leave a float plan with someone. Then, should you not return within an allotted time frame, the Coast Guard could be notified by your friend and they'd have at least some indication of where to look for you. If I scared you before with those conscious minutes that I quoted, then you know that a float plan is about the only thing that could save your life if you capsize and you're too far offshore to swim to land.

All right, we're offshore and we've got fish under us. Now what's next? Well, this is deep water fishing. Therefore, in order to catch a lot of fish we're going to use a multiple hook rig. We want at least four hooks on it and let it be known that a six hook outfit will probably be the best. The reason for this is that your bait will be way down. Catch a fish and reel him up and it'll take considerable time and energy. Therefore, what we do is to hook the fish biting and then we allow the hooked fish to swim around down there exposing the other baits to many more fish. As the other baits are picked up, one fish swims in one direction and with the others going off their own separate ways thereby hooking each other. After several minutes, the lucky angler reels up not one fish but hopefully many. This process is called **loading up** and it's used whenever fishing in depths in excess of 100'.

Of course, you can fish any number of hooks that you want. The important thing here is that you fish one hook right on the bottom and any number of other hooks up off the bottom. This is so that you'll stand a chance of nailing both whiting and ling. Ling being bottom feeders hardly, if ever, strike a bait suspended above the bottom, and the same can be true about the whiting. However, they are far more likely to strike a bottom hook than the ling is to strike an elevated one.

As far as the rig goes, I like to use 2/0 long shanked hooks. I take a length of 40 lb. test line and go about making dropper loops on it. If for offshore, I make 6 dropper loops and one bottom and top loop. Off the dropper loops, I run the long shanked 2/0 hooks. I put them on by first running a red bead up the loop. Then, I run the loop through the eye of the hook, carry it around the hook, and then pull it securely into place. Follow this for all 6 hooks and you have a very effective rig. Make certain to keep one loop right on the bottom, then separate the other hooks by about a foot. This'll give you a great spread of baits and you'll catch a lot of fish each time you go down.

On the bottom loop, you can either attach a bank type sinker heavy enough to get you down and hold you down in the sometimes very strong currents or you can elect to fish a diamond jig in place of the weight. Again, make certain to use a big diamond in order to keep your baits down. Don't expect to catch fish on it, although you'll probably get a few before the day's over. However, the flashing of the diamond will attract other fish to the area that you'll be able to get to bite your baits.

And as for baits, start off with strips of anything, but switch to whiting strips immediately after you've boated your first fish. I'll get into baits in Part II and would like to now wrap this up with adding this is winter fishing and offshore you're not protected by anything, therefore dress for the worst and make certain to wear something on your head. Most of your body heat can escape from an exposed head; so remember this and take care to keep yours warm. More will be said later about dress, too.

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THE GREATEST GAMEFISH?

by Al Ristori

If you ever want to get into an argument with a bunch of fishermen, just bring up the subject of which species is the greatest game fish. This never-ending controversy has fueled many a fireside discussion over the years and will surely continue to do so as long as more than one species swims in the world's waters.

Knowing this, I'm probably sticking my neck out to even discuss the subject—but, then again, if I had more sense I certainly wouldn't be trying to make a living as an outdoor writer! At this point I should warn you that the opinions expressed in this article are strictly those of the writer—and not the responsibility of the management. In other words, don't storm this magazine's offices; just direct your poison pen letters to the author.

One of the most difficult aspects of deciding which species is the best game fish is laying out the criteria. From my standpoint, this basically involves fighting ability. However, other fishermen may insist on surface fighting attributes—particularly jumping. If one insists on the latter factor, then many of our finest game fish are quickly eliminated. From the standpoint of the total angling experience, it's probably true that the jumping species provide the greatest thrills—but they aren't always among the great fighters.

One fish that seems to fit the latter category perfectly is the largemouth black bass. This is probably the most important of freshwater species in the United States as it's abundant, widely-distributed, and grows to a respectable size. The largemouth frequently jumps when hooked, and is often a real challenge to catch due to the habitat he lives in. Yet, if the truth be known, America's most popular game fish isn't much of a fighter! on any sort of reasonable tackle, the largemouth can be quickly led to the boat and lifted aboard with a thumb-lock on his jaw. Bass pros, using heavier tackle, virtually reel the bass through their guides—and keep the rod tip down to prevent them from jumping. Not having expended a great deal of energy in the fight, the largemouth usually swims away none the worse for wear after the release.

While I expect to receive some brickbats for these comments, let me assure the largemouth's advocates that I, too, enjoy fishing for that species. Indeed, among all freshwater species, the largemouth is probably my first choice. I'm perfectly content when casting a weedless spoon across pepper grass beds or working a Jitterbug at night. Because of where they live and how they hit, largemouths are interesting fish to catch—but that doesn't make them great game fish in my book.

The same thing applies to most freshwater species. The musky and northern pike may resemble the barracuda in size and shape, but they can't hold a candle to that species—even in jumping ability. Anglers in the northern part of our country go wild over walleyes, and if you've ever eaten them the reason is clear. However, they're such weak fighters that's it hard to classify them as game fish at all. The generally poor fighting characteristics of most freshwater species seems to be related to some extent to their environment. The game species we seek are at the top of the predator chain and have little to fear once they achieve adult size. They can literally grow fat and happy, which is why big largemouths may put up less relative fight than a yearling.

That theory is supported by the much better fighting characteristics of the various trout and the smallmouth black bass found in streams and rivers. All of these fish provide good runs and lots of jumps, though none have great endurance. The one "freshwater" species which experienced anglers often consider to be the greatest game fish is the Atlantic salmon. This, of course, is not a freshwater fish at all, but rather an anadromous species which lives in the sea and only enters freshwater to spawn. The Atlantic salmon must fight all sorts of adversity in order to survive, and it is reputed to put on a great performance when hooked. Unfortunately, except for some improving fishing in Maine rivers, this species is not available to those without the funds to rent prime waters in Canada and Europe. I've never fished for the Atlantic salmon, much less caught one, but do respect the opinion of those who have concentrated on that species. Nevertheless, it should be kept in mind that Atlantic salmon are hooked in swift rivers on light tackle—circumstances which favor the fish and allow it to put on a spectacular show. To realistically compare it to other species, it would have to be hooked under similar conditions.

Even Atlantic salmon advocates indicate that the Pacific salmons are a notch below the Atlantic species in fighting ability, and that when landlocked these fish aren't in the same class at all. Therefore, our continuing search for the greatest game fish will have to shift to the sea—source of the Atlantic salmon's great strength. In the oceans there are dozens of great game fish, and I've been fortunate enough to have caught most of them. The one big gap is the lack of a broadbill swordfish, though I think I learned a good bit about the fighting ability of that species during a 12½ hour battle with a big one on 30 lb. off Salinas, Ecuador—a bout that ended with me on the losing end!

Once again, we get into the "pound-for-pound" controversy. How do we measure the gameness of a tough 2 lb. fish against the brute strength of a big game fish? In some cases, the big game fish are available in pint-sized packages from time to time, but the smaller fish just never get that big. Therefore, we often hear anglers claiming that if bluefish, porgies, yellowtail snappers, etc. (substitute your favorite) ever grew to big game size there would be no tackle capable of handling them. I rather doubt that, but it's still interesting to speculate on the possibility.

In searching for the greatest game fish, we can eliminate some of the most popular right away. Endurance has to be a key factor in gameness, and that consideration reduces the field considerably. The snook is one of the most challenging fish to catch but, like the largemouth black bass, all the action is over with quickly. The same thing applies to the most desired inshore game fish in the Mid-Atlantic and New England: the striped bass. The striper is a fine game fish with fair endurance. However, it clearly takes a back seat to the bluefish with which it is frequently associated. Such bottom dwellers as the groupers are a tremendous challenge because, they know just where to go in order to break off; but once again, the endurance factor isn't there. Other species, such as weakfish and spotted sea trout, are fun to catch but just don't have any of the attributes of

great game fish.

Now that we've eliminated some, let's look at the primary contenders. As far as I'm concerned, most of the great game fish belong to three groups: the tunas, the jacks, and the billfish. The tunas, with their fusiform shapes, are the most powerful of fish, and also among the fastest. The giant bluefin tuna is the ultimate challenge on the heaviest tackle, and the young of the species are very difficult to catch on light tackle. All of the other tunas and bonitos I've caught in both the Atlantic and Pacific have been excellent fighting fish, and it's hard to distinguish among them. This family falls down only in its failure to jump when hooked.

The jacks cover a great many species, some of which bear little resemblance to the others. All are exceptional fighters, though the toughest may well be the widely-distributed jack crevalle. Other super-tough notables in this branch of the family Carangidae are the horse-eye-jack, bar jack, cobalt jack, and blue runner. Also closely related are the Threadfins, led by the African pompano; the pompanos, led by that great inshore game fish, the permit; the amberjacks, paced by the greater amberjack, the yellowtail of the Pacific, and the rainbow runner; and the roosterfish. All of these fish are fast, powerful, and have great endurance. Unfortunately, like the tunas, they are not jumping fish—though the roosterfish does so from time to time.

There are many billfish, but all are great jumpers and fine fighters. Due to the great size disparity, it's hard to compare them; though most experts seem to favor the blue marlin over the similarly-sized black, and the smaller Atlantic sailfish on a pound-for-pound basis over its larger Pacific cousin. The white marlin may be the best of all on a fighting scale related to size, and the swordfish stands by itself with fighting characteristics quite different from those of the other billfish. The sword doesn't always jump, but seems to be the most powerful of the billfish.

To this group must be added a few other species. The bonefish certainly has to rate with the very best in terms of speed and endurance. That pre-historic herring, the tarpon, is one of the greatest of game fish—though some give up rather easily. Its cousin the ladyfish is a great and spectacular battler for its size. Some of the snappers are pretty tough customers, particularly the mangrove, mutton, yellowtail, and cubera. The bluefish has to rate near the top, and the red drum (redfish or channel bass) is one of the hardest inshore fighters. All of the mackerels are fine fighters. Pound for pound, the little Atlantic mackerel is probably the best of the lot, but the larger Spanish, cero and king mackerel get more of a play. Those latter species, and the wahoo, provide some of the fastest initial runs in fishdom—but all are short on endurance.

The sharks vary greatly in game fish qualities. The mako, thresher, and hammerhead are probably the best of the offshore lot, with the black-tip rating highly inshore. However, there's a great range in fighting ability even among individuals in sharks. One mako may put up a great battle, and the next will come in like a calf being led to slaughter. Some bottom species put up very respectable fights and might well be strong contenders if they grew larger. Among these are the porgies, triggerfish, pollack, blackfish (tautog), and sheepshead. Barracuda and dolphin are both fine all-around game fish, lacking only a bit of endurance. The dolphin could actually fight even harder, as you can observe when you try to put one in a fish box!

Out of all this, if I had to select the one greatest game fish, my nod would go to the bluefin tuna. At any size the bluefin seems to me to be the toughest of all. The IGFA records for light lines remain amazingly low for a species in which there seems to be almost no limit in size. For instance, as of the 1981 record listing, the 20 lb. class record for bluefin is 114½ lbs.; while the marks for other large species on the same line includes tarpon - 243 lbs; white shark - 1068 lbs; tiger shark - 676 lbs. 13 oz.; mako shark - 725.5; hammerhead shark - 398 lbs.; Pacific sailfish - 193 lbs.; striped marlin - 338 lbs.; Pacific blue marlin - 406 lbs.; Atlantic blue marlin - 430 lbs; black marlin - 1051 lbs; and jewfish - 344¾ lbs. Even the 20 lb. records for such medium-sized species as amberjack, white marlin and Atlantic sailfish are above that for the bluefin tuna. Within the tuna classifications, the 20 lb. record for Atlantic and Pacific bigeyes, and yellowfins are also higher—though those species don't grow to but about 1/3 the size of the bluefin.

The bluefin tuna jumps only when free, but at any size it's the most perfectly constructed fish in the ocean to provide a long-lasting fight spiced with drag-burning runs. Only completely overpowering tackle will bring a bluefin to boatside before he's completely played out, and even then, the angler will know he's been in a real battle. There are other fish I prefer to catch (such as the acrobatic billfish); but I still consider the bluefin tuna to be the greatest game fish of all.

All of what has been said here is only my opinion and, quite frankly, it doesn't mean a thing. Most readers will probably have a different opinion, and that's the way it should be. It really doesn't make any difference as to which is the greatest game fish. The important factor is what you enjoy catching—whether that's flounder or blue marlin. Nevertheless, it is interesting to compare the abilities of the fish we catch, and I'll be happy to hear the opinions of readers. If we get enough response, I'll follow up with another article on this subject.

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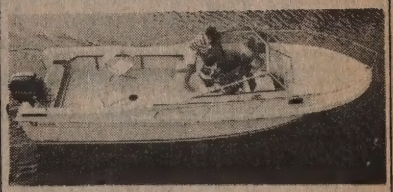

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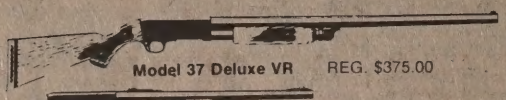

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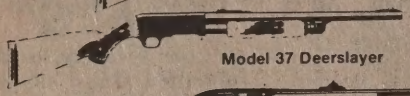

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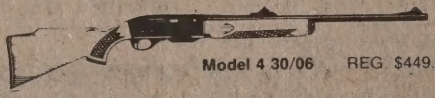

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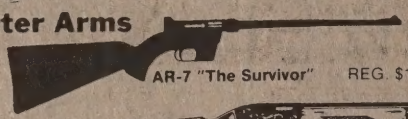

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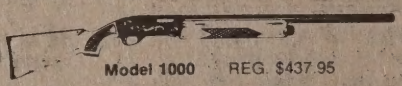

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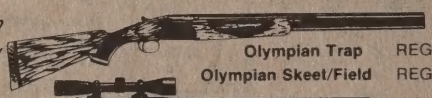

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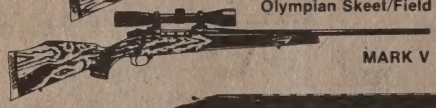

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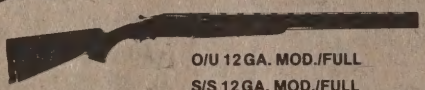

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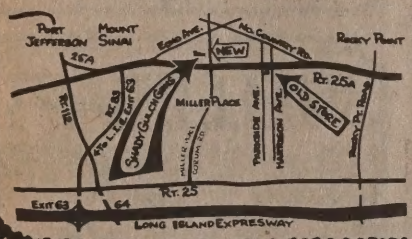

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Montauk Report

by Stu Miller

Captain Bud Dorman of the 6-man limit open boat **Waxed** called to say he is still working the Montauk rips. A party led by Ken Jastavebski of Port Washington landed 13 bass this week. A trip Saturday for Alan Roth landed 4 stripers. Best catch of the week was 16 bass. All fish were taken on diamond jigs.

The **Viking Fleet** informs us the porgies are about 90 percent over for the season, but that the codfishing remains a steady item off Block Island. Daily catches of cod range from 100-150 fish plus about the same number of blackfish. Blues are still around of the large variety and are also being taken as an incidental catch. Blackfish are running up to 10 lbs.

Captain Mike of the charter boat **Montauk** called to say striped bass fishing remains very good with many large bass being caught. A 44 lber. was the largest fish taken on the boat this week. Mike says his most productive bass grabber has been the Sekora Monkey Tail rig. Blackfishing remains very good also.

Captain Richie Rade's **Marlin Fleet** tells of excellent blackfishing. "Pure murder" with fish averaging 9 lbs. and going up to 13 lbs. Fares are also picking some cod which are running 7-8 lbs. with an occasional 15 lber. The skipper says to remind you he supplies green crabs aboard the boat. Bluefish catches have been from fair to very good with customers bagging 20 to 30 fish a head right through Saturday. Sunday's catch was off a little, down to 10-12 fish a man. These remain big to very big blues. Please note that all bluefish tickets have been sold for November 14 and 15.

Captain Joe McBride of the charter boat **My Mate** called to say that a charter for Senator Robert Garcia's staff of Roy Calzarone and friends trolled bluefish at the Point up to 15 lbs. this week.

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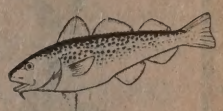

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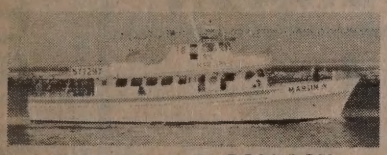

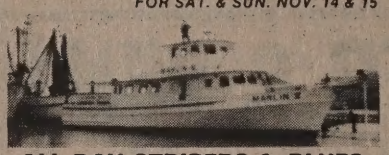

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FISH TALK:

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white perch and striped bass in the Hudson. Are these unclean fish? The main pollutant is still probably sewage although we have gone a long way to clean up sewage pollution through the use of treatment plants. Anyway, the sewage problem would clear up on its own once we stop dumping sewage. However, the real danger comes from chemical pollution. Where sewage tells your eyes and nose that it's there, chemical pollution gives no sign and yet it is long-lasting (up to centuries or millenia) and can be deadly. I guess the main problem among the chemicals now is PCBs (Polychlorinated Biphenyls). The main area of concern is the Hudson River, yet the chemical is everywhere. How many fish die each year? I don't know, but if the water quality is good, then why should we attribute any deaths to pollution. Perhaps in isolated pockets where oxygen runs low from sewage pollution or in special cases where fish build up very high levels of a toxic chemical there will be deaths, but how many is impossible to say.

SURVIVE! I don't believe that we'll ever contaminate our waters to the point where fish would not survive. At one time I did, but we have witnessed the expression of real concern to clean up the waters when a pollution problem is pinpointed. Actions speak louder than words and in the fast few decades we have replaced rhetoric with action. Can't tell if a fish is polluted because there are no outward signs. Fish with diseases that show on the outside are very fit to eat (we can't catch fish diseases). There are a few species where SOME specimens may have high levels of toxic chemicals: PCBs—eels, striped bass, white perch; Mercury—swordfish, mako shark, tuna. These are examples, not a complete list. Our waters are really very clean and, for the most part, the fish are thoroughly safe to eat. I would limit my intake of eels and stripers to once per week and I'd do the same for the big game species. Yet, when you think about it, that really isn't much of a caution. How many times a week can a person eat the same fish?

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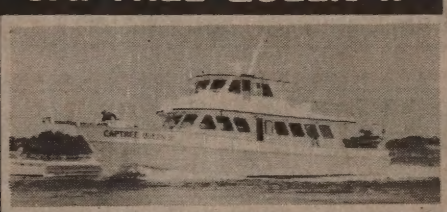

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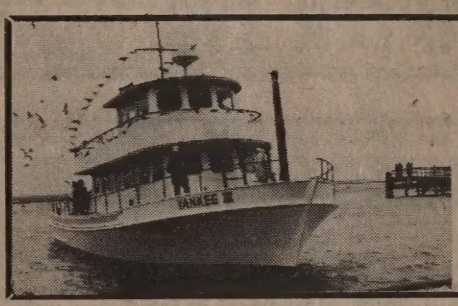

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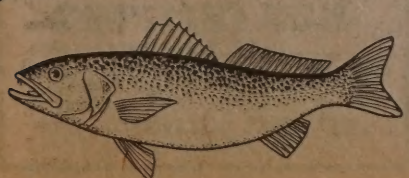

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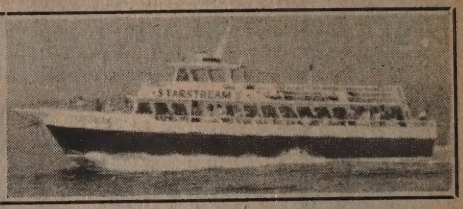

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by Stu Miller

SAG HARBOR

The **Wilhelric** expects blackfishing tides to be perfect for this weekend's trips and Capt. Artie says if you want to tie in to these bruisers, come on down Saturday or Sunday as Sunday will be the last sailing of the season.

SHINNECOCK

The **Capt. Clark II** reports excellent blackfishing on ocean wrecks this past weekend, fish in the 4-8 lb. class with green crabs which are available on the boat. On Saturday, one wreck was fished with Ed Brockman of Bay Shore being high hook with 38 blacks. Despite high winds later in the AM, most fares ended up with 1-2 pails of fish. Sunday, two other ocean wrecks were worked with the same good results. Islip angler Joe Ganci was high hook with 26 blacks including an 8½ lb. pool winner.

Ocean wreck trips are scheduled for this Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 14 and 15. The last sailing date for the season will be Sunday, November 29. For info, call 516-728-1709.

Speck's Bait and Tackle reports that most of the week's action came from Noyac Bay in the form of flounders off the Monastery, fish up to 3 lbs. Also the east side of Jessup's near the fish traps produced well for those putting in the effort with worms and mussel chum. The Shinnecock area was a mixed result, as Tom put it, due to the unsettled weather on Saturday.

Adam Kibel realized every big game angler's dream when he whipped this 438 lb. blue marlin 80 miles south of Shinnecock Inlet. Adam was aboard his dad's boat, the Tiger Lili at the time. Subscriber photo.

South Shore Report

by Fred Golofaro

MORICHES BAY

Word from **"L&MMarine"** was that boats working the uogue Canal returned with good catches of nice size flounder. Both worms and clams have been effective on the fish. On Saturday, Dr. Phil La Barbera, his father Pete, Dr. Stan Klausner and Dr. Richard Berman and his son Lawrence put away 92 flatties in the 1 to 2 lb class. They had very few throwbacks.

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"Wind Hampered flounder fishing this weekend" said gary of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station.** Best scores have been coming from Bouy 42 and Haven's Point on the last of incoming and first of outgoing.On Sunday, Sal and Andy Attanosio, Joe Killian and Rich Chapleau took 52 flounder from 1 to 2½ lbs. on bolldworms and corn chum.

Bill Denninger, William Denninger, Kevin Neal and Kenny O'brien with 30 fluke taken near Shinnecock Inlet back in August. Subscriber photo.

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OAKDALE

Dave at **J & R Sport Center** reported slow flounder fishing locally. The only activity Dave knew of in recent days concerned some vlues trolled and jugged by boatmen outside Fire Island Inlet. On the fresh water side, nice trout contunue to come of Bubbles Falls on worms and salmon eggs while a couple of good browns came out of the park. Rich Schuler had a 4.4 lber. while Steve Hayduk had one 4 lbs even.

CAPTREE

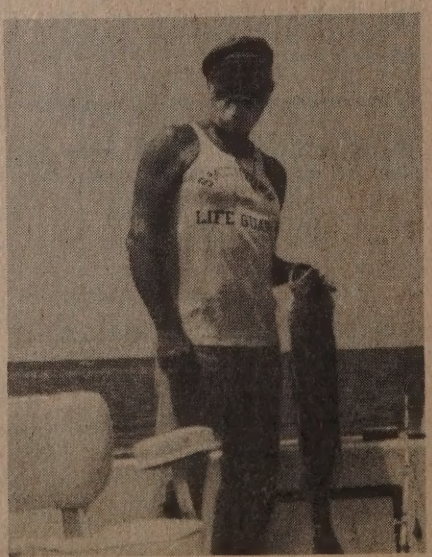
The big news here is the surprisingly good early showing of cod on offshore wrecks this past week. The **Speedy vI,** after taking 8 cod up to 47 lbs while bluefishing Thursday, spent all day Sunday on the new arrivals. Catch for 10 men came to 40 cod to 34½ lbs. Most were in the 12 to 18 lb. range. Plenty of blackfish are mixed with the cod. Capt. Speedy Hubert said the fishing is off to it's best start in slmost 10 years.

Capt Charlie Kennedy of the **Capt Bob Joseph** reported that blackfishing remains exc. on the ocean reef. Only bad day was Saturday due to the wind. Biggest tautog taken on Sunday's trip was 9.14 lber for Victor Cirfe of the Bronx. Due to the good showing of cod, Capt. Kennedy will make this week his last for blackfish.

At the **Bait Station** Noel noted the good codfish start and hoped it would contiune to improve. Of the flounder, he described fishing as a pick in the State Channel and from the J.B Piers. A few flatties down off Heckscher but they are large.

BABYLON

At **Augies Bait & Tackle** Ski reported some good flounder action over the weekend in the State Channel near Lindenhurst. With his son and brother Sunday afternoon, Ski put 48 keepers in teh boat. The boat Ruth-Art also had a mess of the flatties. Ski added that all the action was on worms & mussel chum during incoming water. A few blues outside the Inlet on Sunday in 60' of water. They awere being trolled on Umbrella Rigs.



This 10½ lb. weak was taken by Hal Wefer in Great South Bay's West Channel aboard the Sea Buddy V. Subscriber photo.

AMITYVILLE

George, of **Combs Bati & Tackle** labelled the flatfishing in Zachs Bay, West Island, Ft. Neck Pts and at the Wantagh Bridges as fair.
You must work for a good catch but some big flatties are mixed in. Blackfishing still solid on Offshore wrecks and Reef so George awill continue carring green crabs for another two weeks or so. Big blues being trolled on umbrella rigs (White or Lavender tubes) in 30 -40 ' of water along Jones Beach and an occasional bass trodded along Lido.

SEAFORD

Lon, of **Wanser's Tackle Shop** called the flounder fishing fair in Haunts Creek Zachs Bay and at 4 corners. Worms and lots of chum are the ticket to a decent score. Some blues, 5 to 10 lbs, on umbrellas outside the Inlet and no word of any bass news.

Bad weather but good flounder fishing, So said John of **Pops Fishing Station**. Among those who scored over the weekend were Howard Kelly and son with 40 flatties to 1¾ lbs. on worms and corn chum. Joe Mecke and Charles Stickel had 35 including a 2½ pounder! Fishing is being done close by the station added John.

BELLMORE

Scott at **Merrick TAckle** said that wile flounder fishing is not great, it is worthwhile. Some pretty decent score were made this past week in swift creek and at Short Beach on worms. Chum os a big plus. Scott heard that umbrella rig trollers have been doing well at the Tin Can Grounds with school bass and big blues.

New York Bight Report

by Stu Miller

FREEPORT

Captain Richie of the **Starstream II**, now codfishing 7 days a week gives the results of Wednesday's cod trip: Andy Simiritis of E. Rockaway bagged a 62 lb. cod. New Jersey angler Pete Zabita rang the bell with a 51 lb. cod. Ron Ritoree of Lake

Ronkonkoma took a 48 lb. cod. Bradley Philips, Lynbrook, decked a 50 lb. hake while Ken Carpenter of Amityville hoisted a 42 lb. pollack. High hook was Joe Camera of Woodside with 11 cod. The last blackfish trip was Sunday and very good scores were racked up along with 5 cod fishing local wrecks. An 8 lb. black was caught by Jeff Kasen and some jumbo blues were also taken to 18 lbs. However, due to popular demand the boat is now strictly codfishing.

The **Capt. Al** tells of excellent codfishing on his pet wrecks all this past week, with Thursday being his kick-off trip for the fall. Even in Saturday's horrible conditions high hook was 4 cod for Hempstead angler Jim Powers. Sunday's trip had 60 cod flopping on the deck up to 48 lbs. Bob Mum of W. Hempstead had two cod of 25 and 35 lbs. Bruce Schneider of Roselle, NJ decked 5 cod from 18-32 lbs. Scott Phillips scored with a 42 and 48 lb. cod. Also being caught are odd blues, sea bass, blackfish and doggies with the boat working anywhere from 70' to 100' of water. Al says things look very good for a strong cod season.

Captain Jim of the **Super Spray II** reports sunday's cod trip was super with Bellmore angler Joe Bruzzse loading up with 9 cod. Jay McCory scored with 7 cod while Fernando Bento walked off the boat with 6 cod. Jimmy says there were roughly 80 cod for 23 fares. The pool fish was 55 lbs. for Mel Gantman of Jericho. The second biggest fish on the boat was a 50 lb. cod. The average cod was in the 20s and Jimmy also says things look very encouraging for a strong codfish year. He's been working local wrecks using clam bait. "Best fall cod so far

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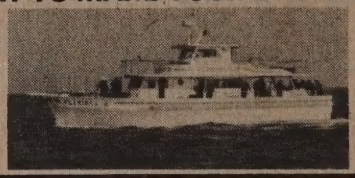

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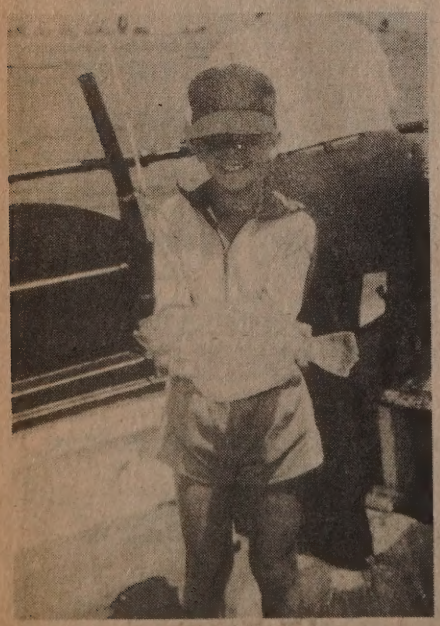
Hook Line and Sinker Bait and Tackle weighed in a 4 lb. 2 oz. flounder this week for East Meadow angler John Palmer. The fish was caught at Washington Shoals in Montauk Friday morning from a rental skiff.



Ten-year-old Joseph Sosnowski with one of nine keepers taken on a trip aboard the Freeport open boat "Capt. Lou" this past summer.

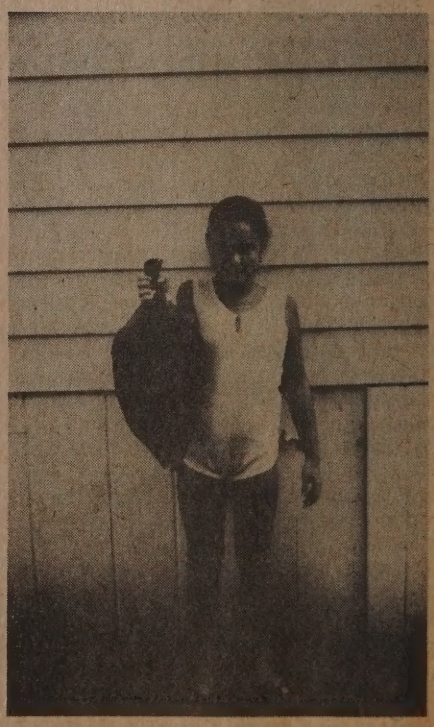
POINT LOOKOUT

Ed's Fishing Station reports anglers are still picking a few flounders at buoys 13 and 15 Jones Inlet on outgoing water, while Swift and Scow Creeks are producing on a flood. Fish are mostly good sized but quantities are lacking. A couple dozen fish per skiff is about what you can expect on worms and mussel. Chumming is essential. Blacks are a good item at the Meadowbrook and Long Creek bridges. The Bay is alive with rock crabs, proving that the water is still on the warm side. Once the temperature scoots downward a few degrees, the flounder catches should pick up. That's the time to hit buoys 16 and 18, Reynolds.

Charter boat **Marie III** called to say there are still a couple of open spots for their Nov. 15 and 22 open cod trips and also some choice December cod charter dates available.

ISLAND PARK

Rich at **Beckman's Tackle** in Lynbrook tells us that Mike Lang of Long Beach late Wednesday afternoon off an Atlantic Beach jetty caught a 45 lb. 6 oz. bass, a 3 lb. bass and a short, all on a 5½'' Rebel. Silver Point jetty has also produced some stripers and a few blues. Blackfishing at all of the jetties remains very good, particularly the west end jetty and Silver Point jetty. Flounders are of a fair quality in most of the creeks and channels but chumming is a MUST for decent catches. The Tin Can grounds are still producing a lot of 2-10 lb. stripers on Nordic eels and umbrellas utilizing small tubes, as the bass are feeing on small baitfish.



Alyson Skoy proudly displays the 7½ lb. fluke she landed in Jones Inlet aboard the private boat Halcyon. Subscriber photo.

FISHING STATIONS

ATLANTIC BEACH

Captain Ronnie Lepper of the charter boat **Kim** called to say he is continuing excellent catches of striped bass of 8-12 lbs. along with giant bluefish going from 15-20 lbs., all on umbrellas. Ron is working waters off Sandy Hook, Ambrose Channel and the Tin Can Grounds.

LONG BEACH

Long Beach Sports Marina reports flounder were caught during the week at Woodmere Bay, opposite the Cedarhurst yacht club, buoys 5 and 9. Chumming is a MUST with fish going up to 1½ lbs. John Samuels and Henry Wilson accounted for 34 flounders up to 1½ lbs. Stripers have been very good at the Tin Can, mainly schoolies with an occasional bigger fish, on umbrellas. Some bigger bass on umbrellas in Sloop Channel from the Meadowbrook to the Wantagh bridges. Some blues still at Cholera, off the beaches and at the Can. The marina has 20' Prolines available for rental for your fall fishing needs for bass, blues and cod.

JAMAICA BAY

Cross Bay Bait and Tackle reports flounder have picked up again and are averaging 3/4 lbs. from both bridges an on both running tides on worm and mussel. Some small bass being taken on worms.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

The Flamingo III reports that thru Thursday and on Sunday the boat has been averaging roughly a doz. bass and good shots of jumbo blues on every trip. They've had bass everyday but not as good as the shot they had last week. Even so, for those limited to party boat fishing, this is an excellent way to perhaps score with striped bass. Diamond jigs are doing the trick and the boat is fishing locally in the NY Bight.

Captain Kevin of the **Dorothy B** reports he's had fantastic blackfishing all week long and even an excellent Saturday in the strong winds. He's been fishing wrecks and reefs. A lot of big ling have been showing up. The boat has now switched over to whiting and ling and there will probably be a good scattering of blackfish for the next couple of weeks.

Captain Tom of the **Elsie K III** reports some pretty good flounder fishing off Keyport and Bellford, NJ, on an ebbing tide. Fish are averaging 1-2 lbs. No throwbacks all week with keepers averaging 15-20 fish a man. High hook was Joan Kraus of NBc with 35 flounders. Mussel are preferred bait.

Charlie sat **Mike's Tackle Shop** tells us blackfishing is the best bet now with fish running 3-9 lbs. at 17 Fathom. Very good catches of ling were made Sunday, as the water is rapidly cooling.

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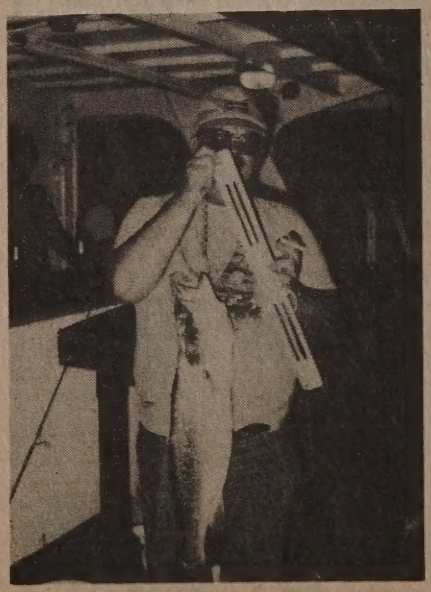

Fred Goozen shows the 9 lb. weak which won him the pool aboard a Great South Bay open boat. Subscriber photo.

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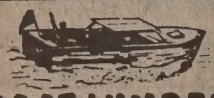

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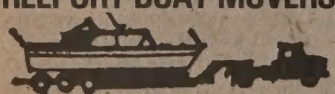

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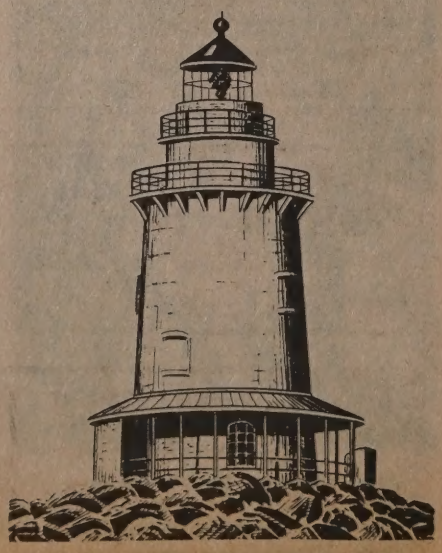


STATEN ISLAND

Santos Sport Shop tells of lots of small stripers at Penny Beach and Cliff Street on worms or on bucktail from dawn to dusk. Good blackfishing at any rocks or pilings on worms. Flynn's Knoll has been producing good striped bass for boatmen dragging spoons or single tubes.

North Shore Report

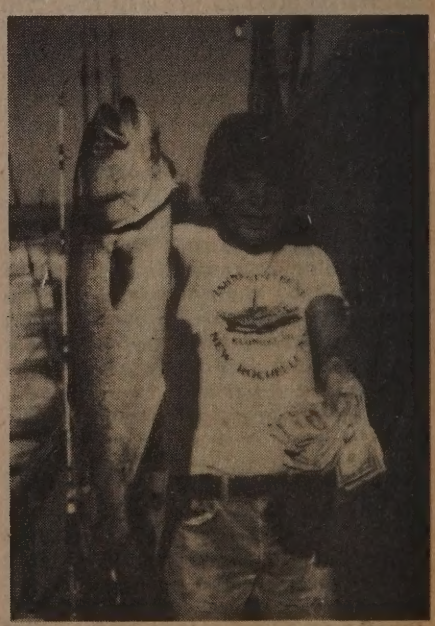
by Martin Garrell

GLEN COVE

At the **Glen Cove Sport Shop**, John told of good flounder fishing along the entire Glen Cove Shoreline. Worms have been doing the job on fish from ½ to 1½ lbs. John called bassfishing in the area **Sporadie** with some schoollies being taken on both worms and swimming plugs.

HUNTINGTON

George Valentine of **Four Winds Bait & Tackle** described the current run of stripers at Easton Neck and Diamond Point as excellent. As an example, some catches on Sunday ran from 70 to 115 fish per boat. Many of the bass are in teh 3-5 lb. range. They are being jigged on thin tubed umbrella rigs. Good flounder fishing to 1½ lbs. from Eatons Neck Coast Gaurd to Ashropen and still solid blackfishing at 11b on Green Crabs.



Mark Sedran hefts the 14 lb. pool winning blue he decked on a trip aboard the "Klondike VII." The boat sails out of New Rochelle.

KINGS PARK

From **O.K. Bait Shop** Bob spoke of plenty of flounder in the river on worms, mussels and clams. Some nice blacks out in the sound at Crane's and Eaton's Neck when winds permit getting to them. Bob added that he has boats available for coot shooters but phoning ahead for reservaltioons is required.

MOUNT SINAI

Jeff at **Ralph's Fishing Station** Called the blackfishing very good off of Miller Place and on the Middle Grounds. Green crabs work best by far in teh bait department. Big Blues are being trolled along Miller Place on Tony Accetta spoons while flounder are small but plentiful inside the harbor. Jeff said that about ½ of the flatties are worth taking home.

Jean Kelly shows choppers of 17 and 11 lbs. taken in Cold Spring Harbor

North Fork Report

by Martin Garrell

SOUTHOLD

Nice flounder in Petty's Bright when you can get to them said Ace of **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** One boat returned on thursday with 40 flatties between 1½ and 2½ lbs. Blacks at Mulford Pt. and in front of the station on Green Crabs and picky flounder fishing in the bay. Some big bass in the Cut on Bucktails and school bass being trolled off of Hortons on umbrellas.

GREENPORT

At **A.P. White Bait Shop**, Art White **Thanked** the wind for a lousy weekend. When it doesn't blow, Blackfishing is very good Plum and Gull Island and on in midsound. Many are 5 to 7 lbers. during the week, Erwin Baumann took a 10-13 black on the **Brand x** while the **Peconic Star** had a 9.14 lber. Good action with school bass off of Horton's Pt. on umbrella rigs and Tubs while flounder was described as fair in the area by Art.

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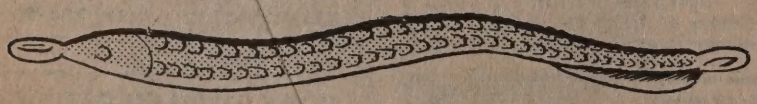

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Surf Report

by Fred Golofaro

A combination of cold nights, lackluster fishing, and a conflict of interest for those with hunting on the mind left beaches around most of the Island barren of casters this past week. The best shot at a big striper remains at Montauk. Although some excellent scores were made by wetsuiters atop Weakfish Rock, a total of 1 or 2 fish a night for the few casters working Shagwong, North Bar and the Light is more the norm. Along south shore beaches, an occasional bass and a few big blues in the Cedar-Gilgo area are keeping a handful of casters busy, while out on the North Fork, Horton's Pt. produced some fair catches of school bass along with an occasional big blue on tin. Quite a few casters worked this area during the week in hopes of cashing in on the expected late fall run of slammer blues.

With West End Jones Beach barren of anglers on Wednesday, Great South Bay Anglers Club member Ray Solinas managed to comb a 13½ lb. blue out of the suds on a tin. East of there, Bob Sichler fishing an eel at Gilgo Tuesday found a striper that tipped the scale at the Captree Bait Station at an even 50 lbs. Noel Kaupuaf, who keeps a handle on what's happening between Robert Moses and Gilgo added that the Cedar-Gilgo area has been producing an occasional bass along with some big blues on eels and bunker chunks.

Out at Montauk, Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** lamented the weekend winds which kept most casters from even wetting a line. There was some decent fishing earlier in the week, with the best as we said atop Weakfish Rock. Joey Bragan Sr. and Jr. used RedFins to take bass of 26, 27, 30, 35, 35 and 46½ lbs. Monday. Joey Jr. returned Thursday night to take several more fish to 47 lbs. Other casters scoring earlier in the week included John Skidmore with fish of 33 and 31 lbs., John Hachadoorian with a 27 and Larry Luca with a 33 lber. John added that the fish are around and should be for sometime to come provided the weather cooperates.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet...–0 50" is listed under "ON SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK		Breakwater Harbor		NEW YORK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT		NEWPORT		DATE
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
THUR.	7:35	8:05	8:20	8:45	8:10	8:35	9:00	9:35	10:50	11:30	10:55	11:25	7:35	7:55	11/12
FRI.	8:25	8:55	9:10	9:35	9:00	9:30	9:50	10:25	11:40	—	11:45	—	8:20	8:45	11/13
SAT.	9:15	9:50	10:00	10:30	9:55	10:30	10:40	11:20	12:20	12:30	12:20	12:35	9:15	9:40	11/14
SUN.	10:10	10:50	10:55	11:25	10:55	11:35	11:35	—	1:20	1:30	1:15	1:30	10:10	10:35	11/15
MON.	11:10	11:50	11:55	—	11:55	—	12:20	12:35	2:25	2:30	2:10	2:30	11:05	11:35	11/16
TUE.	—	12:05	12:30	12:55	12:35	12:55	1:25	1:40	3:40	4:00	3:10	3:35	—	12:05	11/17
WED.	12:50	1:05	1:40	2:00	1:35	1:50	2:35	2:50	5:00	5:25	4:15	4:40	12:40	1:05	11/18
THUR.	1:50	2:05	2:53	3:10	2:35	2:50	3:40	4:00	6:05	6:35	5:20	5:45	1:40	2:10	11/19

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink, R.I.	+0 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking zbridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehoboth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	–0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	–0 08
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	–0 03
Saugatuck River	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos-Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	–0 01
Norwich	+0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+1 10
Lyme	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rocheele	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+1 17
East Point	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburg	+3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	–0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayett Point	+0 12
Pawtucket	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Harbor	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

11/13	6:47	4:41
11/14	6:48	4:40
11/15	6:50	4:40
11/16	6:51	4:39
11/17	6:52	4:38
11/18	6:53	4:38
11/19	6:54	4:37

Moonrise/Moonset

11/13	6:30PM	8:27AM
11/14	7:26PM	9:39AM
11/15	8:28PM	10:42AM
11/16	9:33PM	11:37AM
11/17	10:40PM	12:22PM
11/18	11:44PM	1:01PM
11/19	—	1:34PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
11/26	11/5	11/11	11/18

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SOLUNAR TABLES

When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for this week as printed below have been taken from the original ***KNIGHT SOLUNAR TABLES.*** Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	4:35	10:55	5:05	11:15
Fri.	5:30	—	6:20	12:05
Sat.	6:45	12:35	7:25	1:10
Sun.	7:50	1:40	8:30	2:15
Mon.	8:55	2:45	9:30	3:15
Tues.	10:00	3:50	10:35	4:20
Wed.	11:00	4:50	11:30	5:15
Thurs.	11:45	5:35	—	6:00

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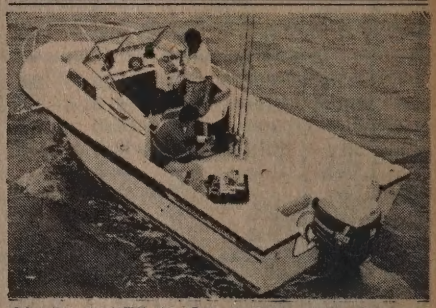

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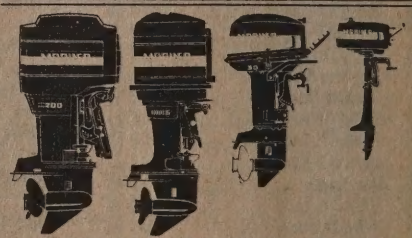

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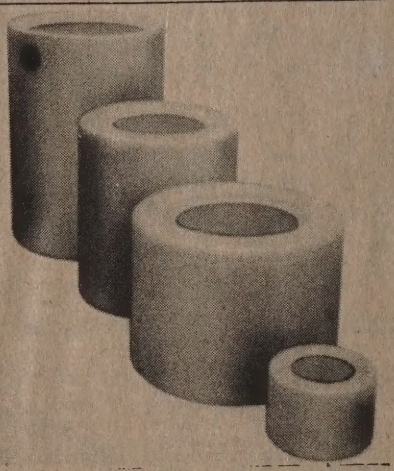

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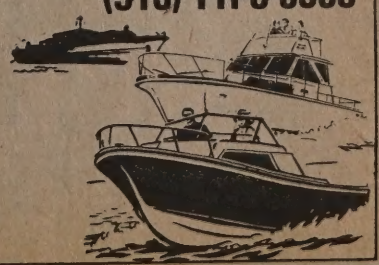

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